

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. /MO/

Form 8-K

April 20, 2018

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): April 17, 2018

Charter Communications, Inc.

CCO Holdings, LLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

001-33664

84-1496755

001-37789

86-1067239

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

400 Atlantic Street

Stamford, Connecticut 06091

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

(203) 905-7801

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

Issuance of 5.375% Senior Secured Notes due 2038 and 5.750% Senior Secured Notes due 2048

On April 17, 2018 (the Closing Date), Charter Communications Operating, LLC (CCO) and Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp. (together with CCO, the Issuers) issued (i) \$800 million aggregate principal amount of 5.375% Senior Secured Notes due 2038 (the 2038 Notes) and (ii) \$1.7 billion aggregate principal amount of 5.750% Senior Secured Notes due 2048 (the 2048 Notes and, together with the 2038 Notes, the Notes). The offering and sale of the Notes were made pursuant to an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 22, 2017 and a prospectus supplement dated April 3, 2018.

In connection therewith, the Issuers entered into the below agreement.

Secured Notes Indenture

On the Closing Date, the Issuers, CCO Holdings, LLC (the Parent Guarantor) and the other guarantors party thereto entered into a Ninth Supplemental Indenture with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (in such capacity, the Trustee) and as collateral agent (in such capacity, the Collateral Agent), in connection with the issuance of the Notes and the terms thereof (the Ninth Supplemental Indenture). The Ninth Supplemental Indenture supplements a base indenture entered into on July 23, 2015, by and among the Issuers, CCO Safari II, LLC, the Trustee and the Collateral Agent (the Base Indenture and, together with the Ninth Supplemental Indenture, the Indenture) providing for the issuance of senior secured notes of the Issuers generally.

The Indenture provides, among other things, that interest is payable on the 2038 Notes on each April 1 and October 1, commencing October 1, 2018. Interest is payable on the 2038 Notes on each April 1 and October 1, commencing October 1, 2018. At any time and from time to time prior to October 1, 2037, the Issuers may redeem the outstanding 2038 Notes in whole or in part at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to, but not including, the redemption date, plus a make-whole premium. On or after October 1, 2037, the Issuers may redeem some or all of the outstanding 2038 Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2038 Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to, but not including, the redemption date. At any time and from time to time prior to October 1, 2047, the Issuers may redeem the outstanding 2048 Notes in whole or in part at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to, but not including, the redemption date and a make-whole premium. On or after October 1, 2047, the Issuers may redeem some or all of the outstanding 2048 Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2048 Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to, but not including, the redemption date. The Notes are senior secured obligations of the Issuers. The Notes are guaranteed on a senior secured basis by the Parent Guarantor and all of the subsidiaries of the Issuers that guarantee the obligations of CCO under its credit agreement (collectively, the Guarantors). The Notes and the guarantees are secured by a *pari passu*, first priority security interest, subject to certain permitted liens, in the Issuers and the Guarantors' assets that secure obligations under the credit agreement.

The terms of the Indenture, among other things, limit the ability of the Issuers to grant liens, sell all or substantially all of their assets or merge or consolidate with other entities.

The Indenture provides for customary events of default which include (subject in certain cases to customary grace and cure periods), among others, nonpayment of principal or interest; breach of other covenants or agreements in the Indenture; failure of certain guarantees to be enforceable; cessation of a material portion of the collateral subject to liens or disaffirmation of obligations under the security documents establishing the security interest in the collateral securing the Notes; and certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency. Generally, if an event of default occurs, the

Trustee or the holders of at least 30% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes of a series may declare all the Notes of such series to be due and payable immediately.

For a complete description of the Indenture and the Notes, please refer to copies of the Ninth Supplemental Indenture, the form of the 2038 Notes and the form of the 2048 Notes filed herewith as Exhibits 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, respectively. The foregoing descriptions of the Indenture and the Notes do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of those documents.

ITEM 2.03. CREATION OF A DIRECT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR AN OBLIGATION UNDER AN OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENT OF A REGISTRANT.

The information under the heading Secured Notes Indenture in Item 1.01 above is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On the Closing Date, the Issuers completed the issuance and sale of the Notes. The press release announcing the closing of the issuance and sale of the Notes is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

The following exhibits are being filed as part of this report:

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4.1*	Indenture, dated as of July 23, 2015, among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., and CCO Safari II, LLC, as issuers, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee and collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on July 27, 2015).
4.2	Ninth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 17, 2018, among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., as issuers, CCO Holdings, LLC, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee and collateral agent.
4.3	Form of 5.375% Senior Secured Notes due 2038 (included in Exhibit 4.2).
4.4	Form of 5.750% Senior Secured Notes due 2048 (included in Exhibit 4.2).
5.1	Legal Opinion of Kirkland & Ellis LLP.
99.1	Press release dated April 17, 2018, announcing the closing of the sale of the 5.375% Senior Secured Notes due 2038 and the 5.750% Senior Secured Notes due 2048.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each of Charter Communications, Inc. and CCO Holdings, LLC has duly caused this Current Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Registrant

By: /s/ Kevin D. Howard
Kevin D. Howard

Senior Vice President - Finance, Controller and Chief

Accounting Officer

Date: April 20, 2018

CCO HOLDINGS, LLC

Registrant

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