

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS INC /MO/  
Form SC TO-C  
January 16, 2004

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE TO

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(Rule 14d-100)

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

[Charter Communications, Inc.](#)

*(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))*

[Charter Communications, Inc.](#)

*(Name of Filing Person (Issuer))*

Options to Purchase Common Stock  
par value of \$.001 per share

*(Title of Class of Securities)*

16117M107

*(CUSIP Numbers of Class of Securities)*

*(Underlying Class A Common Stock)*

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

<u>Transaction valuation*</u>	<u>Amount of filing fee*</u>
not applicable	
not applicable	

\* As the filing contains only preliminary communications made before the commencement of the tender offer, no filing fee is required

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third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer: [ ]

This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO is filed by Charter Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Charter"). Pursuant to General Instruction D to Schedule TO, this Schedule TO relates to pre-commencement communications by Charter with respect to its intention to undertake a Stock Option Exchange Program pursuant to which holders of certain options to purchase shares of Charter's Class A Common Stock could elect to cancel such options in exchange for restricted shares of Charter Class A Common Stock or, in certain cases, cash.

The information does not constitute an offer to holders of options to purchase Charter's Class A common stock to exchange their options. Charter has not yet commenced the Stock Option Exchange Program ("Exchange Program") that is referred to above. At the time the Exchange Program is commenced, Charter will provide eligible option holders with written materials explaining the precise terms, conditions and timing of the Exchange Program. Eligible option holders should read these written materials carefully when they become available because they will contain important information about the Exchange Program. Charter will file these materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as part of a tender offer statement. These materials and other documents filed by Charter with the SEC can be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Eligible Charter option holders may obtain a written copy of the tender offer statement and related materials, when available, by contacting Human Resources, Stock Option Exchange Program, at Charter Communications, Inc., 12405 Powerscourt Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63131.

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Item 12. Exhibits.

99.1 Poster announcement regarding the Stock Option Exchange Program.

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#### INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.

Description

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