**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

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CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

IARNACH TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2024-01287
Patent 9,287,982

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# DECLARATION OF THOMAS L. DUSTON

Exhibit 1015
Charter Comm. v. Iarnach Tech.
IPR2024 - 01287

**DECLARATION OF THOMAS L. DUSTON**

I, Thomas L. Duston, declare as follows:

1. I am a partner at the law firm of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP.

2. I have been practicing in the field of intellectual property law, and particularly patent litigation, for thirty-seven (37) years.

3. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of Illinois, and am admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, as well as the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar member), the United States District Courts for the Eastern District and Western District of Texas, the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska, and the United States District Court for the District of Colorado and I am also admitted to practice *pro hac vice* in a number of other Federal District courts.

4. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

5. I have never had an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body denied.

6. I have never had sanctions or contempt citations imposed upon me by any court or administrative body.

7. I am a member of the American Bar Association, the Intellectual Property Owners Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association, the Seventh Circuit Bar Association, and the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property.

8. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, the Consolidated Trial Practice Guide (November 2019), and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

9. I have read and will abide by and be subject to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Code of Professional Responsibility set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 11.101 *et. seq*. and the Office's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

10. During the past three years, I have been admitted *pro hac vice* before the Office in the following *inter partes* review proceedings: (1) *Termax Company f/k/a Termax LLC v. Illinois Tool Works Inc. IPR2024-00072 (PTAB)*; (2) *Charter Communications, Inc. v. Iarnach Technologies Ltd. IPR2024-01286 (PTAB)*; and (3) *Charter Communications, Inc. v. Iarnach Technologies Ltd. IPR2025-00473 (PTAB))*.

11. I am an experienced litigating attorney and am familiar with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding. I have read the patent-at-issue, its file history, and the Petition in this proceeding.

12. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

**April 10, 2025**

Thomas L. Duston