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AI networks face a triple threat: Capacity, permits and supply chains



Policy experts from Lumen, AT&T and other groups highlight rising capacity requirements, permitting issues and supply chain constraints as AI traffic increases.

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When it comes to designing and building networks for AI, the challenges look a bit like a multi-headed monster, with capacity, latency, policy and rising supply chain costs all demanding attention.

A panel of service provider and policy experts debated those challenges and more at this week's Technology Policy Institute Aspen Forum in Aspen, Colorado.

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Charter-Cox deal is a wrap, with 'Spectrum' brand to take over in mid-September



Charter and Cox have closed a merger that creates the world's largest cable operator, with more than 70 million locations passed and about 37 million customers. Cox Communications will become the corporate name, with Charter's Spectrum branding.

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Charter Communications and Cox Communications have completed a \$34.5 billion merger that creates the world's largest cable operator, with about 70 million homes and businesses passed and roughly 38 million customers across 45 US states.

The deal's closing comes just days after the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved it with an array of conditions, following months of negotiations that delayed the deal by more than two months. The FCC approved the transaction in March.

Charter also said today that it has completed its previously announced acquisition of John Malone's Liberty Broadband. That transaction includes Liberty Broadband's 26% stake in Charter, but not GCI, Alaska's largest cable operator. Liberty Broadband spun off GCI in July 2025.

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Comcast Business Q2 growth fueled by enterprises' complex service needs



The cable MSO is seeing growing demand for more of its IP-based services and custom solutions from larger businesses.

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Comcast Business is finding that its growing cadre of enterprise services is giving it a greater foothold in larger businesses.

Jason Armstrong, CFO of Comcast, told investors during its second-quarter earnings call that it continues to find new opportunities with enterprise customers whose needs require more than just traditional connectivity.

“Growth continues to be driven by strong momentum in enterprise solutions, where we are seeing demand from larger customers with more complex connectivity, security, and managed services needs,” he said. “Importantly, the mix shift towards advanced solutions continues to scale.”

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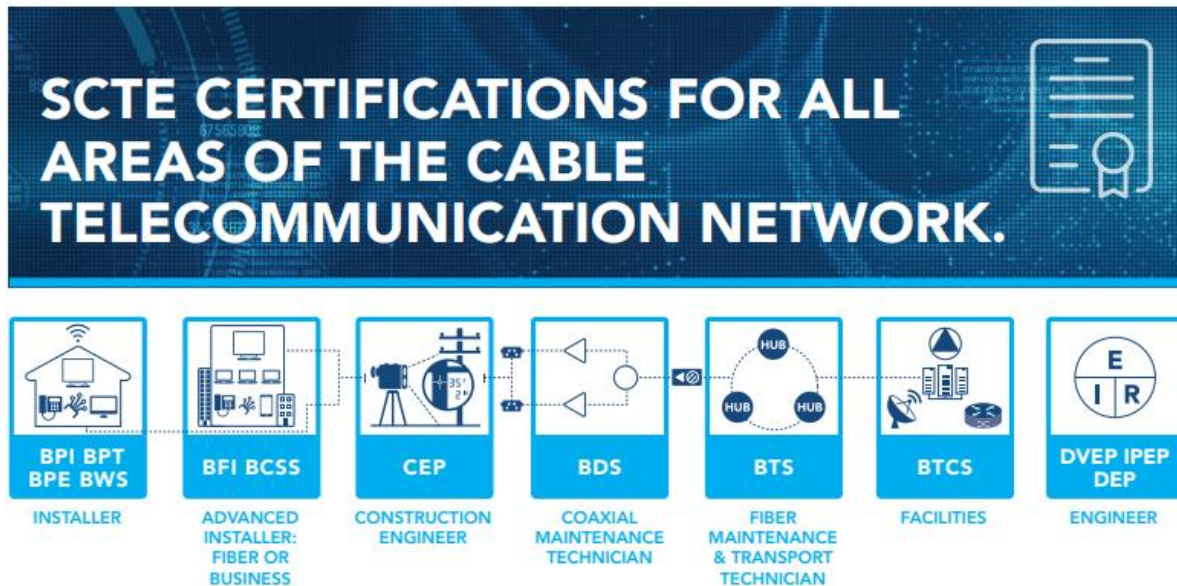
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