

Charter Share Repurchases Likely Flat At \$1BN In 2Q19

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Advance/Newhouse (A/N) filed its most recent Charter ownership disclosure last week, and with it we estimate that Charter repurchased \$1BN of stock in 2Q19. This would be commensurate with the amount of repurchases in Q1; however, it is lower than our prior estimate of \$1.5BN. Mgmt. is targeting leverage of 4.5x EBITDA; we believe they remain committed to this target. We estimate that Charter should repurchase \$7BN of stock in 2019 to land at 4.5x EBITDA; the company needs to accelerate repurchases to meet this target. The company could have repurchased more stock than what is implied by the A/N filing. If the \$1BN in repurchases proves accurate, we see three possible reasons for lower-than-expected repurchases this quarter: (more...)



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