

Charter to bid below \$135 a share for TW Cable

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Cable TV operator Charter Communications Inc. is preparing to send a letter offering to buy the much larger Time Warner Cable Inc. for below \$135 per share as early as Monday.

That's according to a person familiar with the matter, who was unauthorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The news was reported earlier by The New York Times' DealBook blog.

The offer would value Time Warner Cable at up to \$38 billion, and represents a small premium to the company's closing price at \$131.41 on Friday. But shares have risen from the mid-\$90s in June, largely on takeover speculation.

The person said the offer would be in cash and stock and that Charter has lined up \$25 billion in debt to help finance the deal.

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