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CHARTER FINANCIAL, WEST POINT GEORGIA, STATES IT IS NOT BEING ACQUIRED

News Reports Cause Confusion Between the Georgia-Based Company and Similarly-Named Organization in Washington

West Point Georgia, March 5, 2007 – In an effort to eliminate confusion created by announcements made by other parties, Charter Financial Corporation (**OTCBB: CHFN**) stated today that it is not the subject of an acquisition. Charter Financial said the company mentioned in the news is a state of Washington entity with a similar name. Charter Financial is headquartered in Georgia and has operations there and in Alabama.

Several news organizations, most notably certain financial news websites, mistakenly assumed this company was the organization referred to in announcements made earlier today. The company is attempting to have news items regarding the transaction eliminated from pages referring to it.

Robert L. Johnson, president and ceo said, “We have received a number of inquiries regarding this news item. We regret the confusion and any anxiety this situation has caused our shareholders. Although the announcement had nothing whatever to do with us, the similarity of our corporate name, combined with the automated nature of some news reporting organizations, caused the announcement to be mistakenly associated with us.

“We wish to state clearly we are not being acquired and there has been no change in the status of shareholders’ investments in Charter Financial Corporation,” Johnson asserted.

About Charter Financial

Charter Financial Corporation is a savings and loan holding company and the parent company of CharterBank, a full-service community bank and a federal savings institution. Charter Financial Corporation and its subsidiary, CharterBank, are in a mutual holding company structure. Charter Financial owns 3.4 million shares of Freddie Mac common stock with a market value of \$231.0 million. CharterBank is headquartered in West Point, Georgia, and operates nine full-service branches on the I-

85 corridor from LaGrange, Georgia to Auburn, Alabama. CharterBank's deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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