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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider
Modifications to the California Advanced
Services Fund.

Rulemaking 12-10-012
(Filed October 25, 2012)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING MODIFYING PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE IN ORDER INSTITUTING RULEMAKING 12-10-012**

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) established the California Advanced Service Fund (CASF) in Decision (D.) 07-12-054 and the Legislature subsequently authorized it in order to spur the deployment of broadband facilities in unserved and underserved areas of California. The CASF provides financial support in the form of grants for broadband infrastructure projects selected through an application and scoring process. In addition, it provides support to rural and urban regional broadband consortia to fund activities that are intended to facilitate broadband deployment other than funding the capital costs of specific deployment projects. The CASF also provides loans to finance the capital costs of broadband facilities not funded by a CASF grant.

The preliminary scoping memo included in the Commission's Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) was issued on October 25, 2012. On January 17, 2014, Commissioner Peevey issued a scoping memo ruling that revises the scope of this proceeding to address additional changes, besides eligibility, to the CASF program instituted by Senate Bill (SB) 740 and Assembly Bill (AB) 1299. The

procedural schedule was set forth in Section 4 of the scoping memo. That procedural schedule has been modified.

After the Commission holds workshops, the Commission’s Communications Division (CD) shall provide the assigned Administrative Law Judge with a workshop report containing a summary of comments received before and during the workshop as well as CD staff recommendations. The Commission intends to issue a Proposed Decision for public comment in June 2014. The Commission hopes to issue a final Decision in August 2014 and hopes to accept publicly supported communities’ applications beginning September 2014.

Procedural Schedule

As set forth in today’s ruling, the procedural schedule set forth in the scoping memo is modified as follows:

Event	Old Date	New Date
<i>SB 740</i>		
Draft Resolution Issued for 30 Day Comment Period	May 2014	May 2014
Final Resolution Adopted by Commission	July 2014	July 2014
<i>AB 1299</i>		
Parties’ Comments on Workshop Topics Due to Communications Division	February 10	February 10
Workshops	March – April 2014	March – April 2014
Communications Division Issues Workshop Report for Comment		April – May 2014
Parties’ Comments on Workshop Report Due		May 2014

Draft Proposed Decision Issued for 30 Day Comment Period	May 2014	June 2014
Parties' Comments on Draft Proposed Decision Due		July 2014
Final Decision Adopted by Commission	July 2014	August 2014

IT IS RULED that the procedural schedule set forth in the scoping memo is modified as indicated in the table (above).

Dated February 11, 2014 at San Francisco, California.

/s/ W. ANTHONY COLBERT

W. Anthony Colbert
Administrative Law Judge