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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Comcast Phone of California LLC (U5698C) to expand its existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide limited facilities-based telecommunication service in the service territory of Ponderosa Telephone Co.

Application 19-01-003

**EMAIL RULING SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE AND ORDERING
FILING OF PRE-STATUS CONFERENCE STATEMENT**

Dated August 20, 2020, at San Francisco, California.

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Administrative Law Judge

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Subject: A.19-01-003, Email Ruling Setting Status Conference and Ordering Filing of Pre-Status Conference Statement

On August 6, 2020, the Commission issued Decision 20-08-011, *Decision Allowing and Adopting Conditions for Wireline Competition in Small Local Exchange Carrier Service Territories*. To address the decision's requirements for entities entering the small local exchange carrier service territories, and the requirements' applicability to Application 19-01-003, this email ruling sets a status conference on September 10, 2020, 9:00 AM. The parties are ordered to file a pre-status conference statement on September 4, 2020, by 5:00 PM.

The agenda for the status conference is as follows:

- 1) Issues within scope of the proceeding (e.g. general conditions, conditions specific to Ponderosa Telephone Co.'s territory, and consumer protection and consumer information rules as required by D.20-08-011)
- 2) Is the issue of impacts on environmental and social justice communities, including the extent to which Comcast's application to operate in Ponderosa's territory impacts achievement of any of any of the nine goals of the Commission's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan, appropriate for this proceeding?

The Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan is available at

<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUCWebsite/Content/UtilitiesIndustries/Energy/Ener>

[gyPrograms/Infrastructure/DC/Env%20and%20Social%20Justice%20ActionPlan %202019-02-21.docx.pdf](#)

The May, 2020 update of the Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan is available at [https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUCWebsite/Content/News_Room/NewsUpdates/2020/ESJ%20Action%20Plan_Status%20Update%20May%202020%20\(rev%205.18.2020\).pdf](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUCWebsite/Content/News_Room/NewsUpdates/2020/ESJ%20Action%20Plan_Status%20Update%20May%202020%20(rev%205.18.2020).pdf)

- 3) Schedule (e.g. written testimony due dates, dates of the evidentiary hearing, and briefing deadlines)

The pre-status conference statement must address the following:

- 1) Proposed issues within scope of the proceeding (e.g. general conditions, conditions specific to Ponderosa Telephone Co.'s territory, and consumer protection and consumer information rules as required by D.20-08-011)
- 2) Are impacts on environmental and social justice communities in Ponderosa's territory an issue for this proceeding?
- 3) Schedule of the proceeding (e.g. written testimony due dates, dates of the evidentiary hearing, and briefing deadlines)
- 4) Any other relevant matters.

The parties are encouraged to submit a mutually agreeable schedule.

The parties are directed to appear via Webex for the September 10, 2020, 9:00 AM status conference. The call-in will be used as a backup only.

Webex information:

<https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e095dbaca8f1c6b73da130c8b63ba631c>

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A court reporter will transcribe this hearing. To ensure a clear and clean transcript, parties must be familiar with the ground rules. Parties must prepare their technology to ensure performance and technical functionality.

Ground Rules

1. All counsel and parties agree to prepare their respective remote attendance technology and be connected at least 15 minutes prior to the time set for the hearing;
2. All counsel and parties agree to adhere to all formal rules of decorum;
3. All counsel and parties will be muted upon entering the WebEx hearing. The Judge will call upon each person directly to speak. If it is not your turn to speak, but you wish to have the opportunity to be heard, please use the hand button next to your name;
4. Only the Judge and the speaking party may be visible on the screen; and if you have not been identified by the Judge to speak, you will be muted and not be visible on the screen;
5. Identify yourself by your full name before you speak;
6. Webex recommends headphones to reduce background noise and ensure optimal sound quality; and
7. Webex suggests using Google Chrome to run its applications.

IT IS SO RULED.

THE DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING.

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