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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the California's One Million New Internet Users Coalition's Misuse of California Advanced Services Fund Grant Funds; and Order to Show Cause Why the Commission Should Not Impose Penalties and/or Other Remedies for Violating Terms of Their Grant and for Refusing to Return Funds Previously Demanded by the Commission's Division.

Investigation 18-07-009

**DECISIONMAKER NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION**

In the interest of transparency and in an abundance of caution, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Zhen Zhang files this Notice of Communications. Pursuant to Chapter 8 of the California Public Utilities Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) and Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2, *ex parte* communications are prohibited in adjudication cases. All three instances of *ex parte* communications occurred via e-mail, without the sender copying the entire service list. The communications are within the definition of "*ex parte* communications" because they did not occur in a public hearing, workshop, or other public forum that has been noticed to the official

service list or on the record of the proceeding.<sup>1</sup> This notice has been served on the proceeding noted above.

<b>COMMUNICATION 1</b>	
Date and Time:	February 28, 2020 at 11:54 p.m.
Location:	California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Ave San Francisco, CA 94102
Communication Medium:	E-mail
Who Initiated Communication:	Larry Ortega
Persons Present on Behalf of the Commission:	ALJ Zhang
Persons Present on Behalf of the Interested Person:	Vanessa Baldwin, <a href="mailto:Lazoinvestments@hotmail.com">Lazoinvestments@hotmail.com</a> , Alicia Clark, Brian Horn, Rudy Sastra, and Violeta Mangundayao

<b>COMMUNICATION 2</b>	
Date and Time:	March 3, 2020 at 2:59 p.m.
Location:	California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Ave San Francisco, CA 94102
Communication Medium:	E-mail
Who Initiated Communication:	Larry Ortega
Persons Present on Behalf of the Commission:	ALJ Zhang
Persons Present on Behalf of the Interested Person:	Larry Ortega

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 8.1(b).

<b>COMMUNICATION 3</b>	
Date and Time:	March 4, 2020 at 8:53 a.m.
Location:	California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Ave San Francisco, CA 94102
Communication Medium:	E-mail
Who Initiated Communication:	Larry Ortega
Persons Present on Behalf of the Commission:	ALJ Zhang
Persons Present on Behalf of the Interested Person:	Larry Ortega

**SUMMARY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS**

On February 28, 2020, Mr. Ortega e-mailed ALJ Zhang to inform her that he found the data request from the Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division request to be premature. Mr. Ortega also explained how he wanted Community Union and One Million New Internet Users to be identified in the litigation.

On March 3, 2020, Mr. Ortega e-mailed ALJ Zhang regarding his litigation position, what occurred during alternative dispute resolution, his thoughts on the evidentiary hearing, and a proposed telephone conference.

On March 4, 2020, Mr. Ortega e-mailed ALJ Zhang regarding the confidentiality of materials submitted in the litigation.

Dated March 9, 2020, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ZHEN ZHANG  


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Zhen Zhang  
Administrative Law Judge