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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Order Instituting Investigation into the
Creation of a Shared Database or Statewide
Census of Utility Poles and Conduit in
California.

Investigation 17-06-027

And Related Matters.

Rulemaking 17-06-028

Rulemaking 17-03-009

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE’S RULING NOTICING PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California has set a Public Participation Hearing (PPH) in the above-entitled matter before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and Commissioner and President Michael Picker as follows:

Date	Time	Location
May 9, 2018	Commencing at 5:00 p.m.	San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Building – Board Chambers 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0110 Contact: Marjorie Rashidyan – Scheduler/Special Assistant Office of Vice Chairman Curt Hagman (909) 387- 4866 E-M: Marjorie.rashidyan@bos.sbcounty.gov

Background of Proceeding

On June 29, 2017, the Commission issued Investigation 17-06-027 and Rulemaking 17-08-028 (OII/OIR proceeding) in order to consider strategies for increased and non-discriminatory access to poles and conduit by competitive communications providers, the impact of such increased access on safety, and how best to ensure the integrity of the affected communications and electric supply infrastructure going forward. The Commission also expressed its intention to:

- Investigate the feasibility of a data management platform that will allow stakeholders to share key pole attachment and conduit information;
- Consider rules that will allow broadband Internet access service (BIAS) providers to attach facilities to poles and to use conduit following their classification as public utility telecommunications carriers in the FCC's 2015 Open Internet Order; and
- Consider rules specific to conduit, and better pole management practices.

1. Preliminary Agenda and Topics

Although a final agenda has not yet been determined, I anticipate that the following topics will be addressed initially by either myself and/or party representatives:

- Discussion of history of poles;
- Discussion of issues related to poles (e.g. vegetation management and fires); and
- Discussion of Southern California fires.

Following the initial discussion, public speakers will be invited to the podium to address the Commissioner, the ALJ, and any party representatives who may be present at the PPH.

2. What to Expect at a PPH

PPHs are held to give the public a chance to learn about, or express their opinions on, issues before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

PPHs are free and open to the public. No advance reservation or signups are necessary.

Ordinarily, an ALJ presides over the PPH and provides an overview of the CPUC hearing process, and sometimes a CPUC Commissioner may attend. In this case, Commissioner and President Michael Picker will attend the PPH.

The CPUC's Public Advisor's Office facilitates PPHs. They:

- Sign-up people who wish to speak;
- Answer questions about the CPUC;
- Provide information on how to receive documents related to a proceeding, and/or participate in the formal proceeding;
- Explain how and where to provide written comments; and
- Answer other related questions.

If you need a language interpreter, and/or American Sign Language interpreter, please send a request to the Public Advisor's Office at least three business days before the PPH. The CPUC will provide these services for free to whomever needs them.

If a large number of people sign-up to speak, the ALJ may set a time limit in order to allow everyone a chance to be heard.

There will be a CPUC court reporter present to record your comments for the official record.

If a speaker is a party to this proceeding, the speaker must identify his/her party affiliation.

Elected officials attending the PPH are allowed to speak first.

Public participants may not bring to PPHs signs larger than 8.5 in x 11 in, or signs of any size with supports or handles (wood, metal, etc).

Sometimes no one, or only few people, show up at PPHs. In such cases the ALJ may end the PPH after waiting a short period of time. We recommend you arrive at least 15 minutes before the PPH starts.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated April 25, 2018, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ROBERT M. MASON III

Robert M. Mason III
Administrative Law Judge