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

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding  
Revisions to the California High Cost Fund  
B Program.

Rulemaking 09-06-019  
(Filed June 18, 2009)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING TEMPORARILY  
DEFERRING COMMENT SCHEDULE**

On January 12, 2011, Rulemaking 09-06-19 was assigned to this office. On December 31, 2010, then-assigned Commissioner John Bohn established a new phase of this proceeding and issued an amended scoping memo and schedule.<sup>1</sup> The purpose of the ACR was to look at the level of competition in the telecommunications industry and whether that level of competition is sufficient to control prices for the four largest telephone companies in the state.

I support such a review on the level of competition. However, I believe that having comments due on February 23, 2011, as scheduled in the December ACR, is much too soon for any detailed study to be undertaken. Therefore, this ACR temporarily defers the schedule which would have required opening comments to be filed on February 23, 2011, and reply comments to be filed on March 16, 2011.

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<sup>1</sup> Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Adopting Amended Scoping Memo and Schedule (ACR or December ACR).

It is my intent to issue a follow-up ACR or alternatively, to present a new Order Instituting Rulemaking for Commission consideration in February or March of this year and a revised schedule will be set forth at that time.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that the above-referenced schedule for comments in Rulemaking 09-06-019 is deferred pending further notice.

Dated January 20, 2011, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHAEL R. PEEVEY

Michael R. Peevey  
Assigned Commissioner

