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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of Foresthill Telephone Company (U1009C) dba Sebastian, to Review Intrastate Rates and Charges and Rate of Return for Telephone Service Furnished within the State of California, and Increase Selected Rates

Application 10-12-012
(Filed December 22, 2010)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Pursuant to Rule 7.2 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules), a prehearing conference (PHC) is set for February 9, 2011, commencing at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission's Courtroom, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. The PHC is held to determine parties, positions of parties, scope, schedule, and other procedural matters.

In advance of the PHC, parties should meet and confer to discuss issues and schedule. In particular, parties should consider the following topics:

1. Identification of the principal factual and legal issues;
2. Need and plan for disclosure or discovery of information and documents;
3. Use of settlement techniques or other alternatives to litigation;
4. Recommended schedule, including dates for:
 - a. completion of discovery;

- b. service of prepared testimony and rebuttal testimony;
 - c. additional prehearing conferences, if any;
 - d. public participation hearings, if any (including recommended times and locations);
 - e. settlement (or other alternative to litigation) meeting;
 - f. evidentiary hearings; and
 - g. any other procedural or scheduling matter a party recommends be addressed now.
5. Other matters, if any, that should be addressed in the assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling; and
 6. Other topics as the interest of justice and efficient case management require.

To the extent feasible and reasonable, parties should seek agreement on a statement of identified issues, proposed schedule, and other topics discussed at the meeting.

PHC statements should be filed and served in advance of the PHC by parties who intend to be active in this matter, and may be filed by others. PHC statements shall be filed and served no later than February 8, 2011. (See Rule 7.2.) Each PHC statement should state the party's recommended list of identified issues and proposed schedule. It should also address relevant items discussed by parties at the meeting held in advance of the PHC, discuss any other matter that a party believes should be covered in the assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling, and identify any other matter the party intends to raise at the PHC. If agreement is reached on a list of identified issues, proposed schedule and other procedural matters, parties are encouraged to file a Joint PHC Statement.

IT IS RULED that a prehearing conference (PHC) shall be held on February 9, 2011, commencing at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission's Courtroom,

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. Parties shall meet in advance of the PHC to address items covered in the body of this ruling. A PHC statement shall be filed by each party intending to be active in this matter, and may be filed by others; shall be filed and served no later than February 8, 2011; shall address the matters stated in the body of this ruling; and should be filed as a Joint PHC Statement to the extent agreement is reached on the identification of issues, proposed schedule and other procedural matters.

Dated January 26, 2011, at San Francisco, California

/s/ BURTON W. MATTSON

Burton W. Mattson
Administrative Law Judge

