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

In the Matter of Application of The Siskiyou  
Telephone Company (U 1017 C) to Review  
Intrastate Rates and Charges, Establish a New  
Intrastate Revenue Requirement and Rate Design,  
and Modify Selected Rates

A.15-12-001

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**NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION  
OF THE SISKIYOU TELEPHONE COMPANY (U 1017 C)**

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## NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Rules 8.3 and 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, The Siskiyou Telephone Company (U 1017 C) ("Siskiyou") hereby provides notice of the following *ex parte* communication.

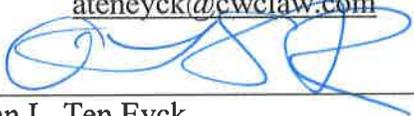
On March 29, 2016, counsel for Siskiyou, Patrick M. Rosvall, met with Advisor to Commissioner Randolph, Lester Wong, on the 5th floor of the Commission headquarters at 505 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco, California. The meeting began at approximately 10:30 AM and lasted approximately 20 minutes. No documents were exchanged. During the meeting, Mr. Rosvall expressed concern that the public is not being adequately informed of the potential for rate increases in Siskiyou's rate case. Mr. Rosvall asked that Mr. Wong consider whether it was fair to consumers that the Public Participation Hearings are taking place in advance of ORA's testimony given the likelihood that ORA will propose significant increases to end user rates in its testimony. Mr. Rosvall noted that it is not fair to the public to hold a public hearing asking for input from the public without telling the public what is actually at stake regarding the rates that they may ultimately pay based on the outcome of the proceeding. Mr. Rosvall observed that in the Kerman rate case, ORA has recommended significant increases to vertical services and other services, well beyond the rate increases proposed by the company. If the same happens in this case, Mr. Rosvall observed, customers may be lured into a false sense that the case does not involve significant increases, when in fact, it does. Mr. Rosvall pointed out that even if the Commission wanted to hold the Public Participation Hearing in advance of ORA's testimony, the Commission could have kept the date and still been more straightforward with the public. The solution, Mr. Rosvall continued, was to grant the motion that Siskiyou brought to require ORA to identify its end user rate proposal. As Mr. Rosvall noted, that motion was summarily denied.

Mr. Rosvall expressed concern that this outcome was counter to the Commission's goals of consumer education and transparency. Mr. Rosvall also asked whether Siskiyou or the public would be given an opportunity to ask ORA about its proposal at the Public Participation Hearing.

This notice has been provided to the service list for A.15-12-001, as stated in the Certificate of Service attached hereto. Please direct any questions regarding this notice to [atenevck@cwclaw.com](mailto:atenevck@cwclaw.com).

Dated this April 1, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

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