

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

Resolution ALJ-330  
Administrative Law Judge Division

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**RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION ALJ-330 Ratification of changes to preliminary determinations pursuant to Rule 7.5.

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**SUMMARY**

This resolution approves the change of the preliminary determination made earlier by the Commission regarding the need for hearing in Applications 16-03-001, 16-03-002, and 16-03-003.

**DISCUSSION**

Senate Bill (SB) 960 (Leonard, ch. 96-0856) requires, among other things, that the Commission categorize proceedings and determine the need for hearing for purposes of determining the applicable restrictions on ex parte communications and other applicable rules. The rules implementing these requirements are found, for the most part, in Articles 7 and 8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Pursuant to Rule 7.1(a), for proceedings initiated by application, the Commission's preliminary determination of category and need for hearing shall be confirmed or changed by assigned Commissioner's ruling pursuant to Rule 7.3.

Rule 7.5 requires Commission approval of assigned Commissioner's rulings that change the preliminary determination of category or need for hearing. The Commission has reviewed the scoping memo in Applications 16-03-001, 16-03-002, and 16-03-003, and approves the assigned Commissioner's ruling changing the determination of need for hearing from Hearing Needed to No Hearing Needed, consistent with the definitions of Rule 1.3 and the requirements of Article 7.

**IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. The assigned Commissioner's ruling changing the preliminary determination as set forth above is approved.
2. This resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on \_\_\_\_\_, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

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TIMOTHY J. SULLIVAN  
Executive Director