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Order Instituting Rulemaking on the
Commission's Own Motion Into the Application
of the California Environmental Quality Act to
Applications of Jurisdictional
Telecommunications Utilities for Authority to
Offer Service and Construct Facilities.

Rulemaking 06-10-006
(Filed October 2006)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING WORKSHOP**

A workshop will be held in this proceeding on February 27, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Training Room A at the California Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. This second in a series of issue-specific workshops will focus on the possible applicability to telecommunications of categories modeled after those in electricity General Order 131-D, and on the value of developing a list of activities that are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Parties should be prepared to discuss the issues raised in the Order Instituting Rulemaking, in parties' comments, at the scheduling/scoping workshop, and at the prior issue workshop (which addressed the proper relationship between state and local environmental review pursuant to CEQA of telecommunications projects subject to this Commission's jurisdiction).

Some parties have recommended that CEQA review of telecommunications projects be modeled after the Commission's General Order 131-D, which addresses review of electric transmission projects. Other parties

have argued that General Order 131-D is not a suitable model for telecommunications infrastructure. This workshop will address and seek to resolve the issues raised by this recommendation. In addition, we will explore the potential value of developing a list of activities that are exempt from review under CEQA.

Parties may also raise other questions relating to this issue. All questions should be addressed within the larger context of this Rulemaking, which include facilitation of the deployment of needed infrastructure, protection of California's environment, and compliance with CEQA.

IT IS RULED that:

1. A workshop shall be held in this proceeding on February 27, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Training Room A, California Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.
2. Parties should be prepared to address the possible applicability to telecommunications of categories modeled after those in electricity General Order 131-D, and on the value of developing a list of activities that are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as described above.

Dated February 15, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ PETER V. ALLEN
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Administrative Law Judge

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