

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution ALJ-199
Administrative Law Judge Division
March 1, 2007

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION ALJ-199. Ratification of changes to preliminary determinations pursuant to Rule 7.5.

Summary

This resolution approves the change of the preliminary determination made earlier by the Commission regarding the need for hearing in Application (A.) 06-09-016 and A.06-09-021. (Res. ALJ 176-3180, October 5, 2006.)

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. A.06-09-016 and A.06-09-021 have been consolidated in a single docket for hearing, as necessary. The Commission has reviewed the scoping memo in this consolidated docket, and approves the assigned Commissioner's ruling changing the determination of need for hearing from "no hearing needed" to "hearing needed," consistent with the definitions of Rule 1.3 and the requirements of Article 7 of its rules.

No public review or comment is required for this resolution pursuant to Rule 14.7.

IT IS ORDERED that the assigned Commissioner's ruling changing the preliminary determination, as set forth above, is approved.

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 March 1, 2007, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

STEVE LARSON
Executive Director