

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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November 18, 2003

To: All telecommunications carriers
Members of the CHCF- A/CHCF-B/CTF/ULTS Administrative Committees
Parties of record in R.95-01-020/I.95-01-021, R01-08-002, A99-09-044 and R98-09-005.

The following draft Resolutions will be on the agenda of the Commission's December 18, 2003 meeting:

- A) Draft Resolution T-16784 proposes the approval of the California High Cost Fund-A (CHCF-A) total funding support of \$30.40 million for Calendar Year 2004 to the 17 small Local Exchange Carriers.
- B) Draft Resolution T-16793 proposes the approval of the following:
 - The California High Cost Fund –A Administrative Committee (CHCF-A AC) Fund Revised Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-04 Budget and FY 2004-05 Budget of \$48.78 million and \$47.87 million, respectively; and
 - The revision of the CHCF-A AC Fund surcharge rate effective January 1, 2004 to 0.17% from 0.21%.
- C) Draft Resolution T-16794 proposes the approval of the following:
 - The CHCF-B AC Fund Revised FY 2003-4 FY Budget and 2004-05 Budget of \$520.472 million and \$438.866 million respectively; and
 - The revision of the CHCF-B AC Fund surcharge rate effective January 1, 2004 to 2.2% from 2.7%.
- D) Draft Resolution T-16795 proposes the approval of the following:
 - The Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) AC Fund Revised FY 2003-04 Budget and FY 2004-05 Budget of \$245.034 million and \$251.637 million, respectively; and
 - The revision of the ULTS AC Fund surcharge rate effective January 1, 2004 to 1.10% from 1.20%.
- E) Draft Resolution T-16782 proposes the approval of the following:
 - The California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) AC Fund FY and Revised FY 2003-04 Budget and FY 2004-05 Budget and \$37.645 million [including \$3 million for AB 1756 (2003)] and \$38.682 million, respectively; and
 - The maintenance of the current surcharge of 0% until further revised by the Commission.

The above draft resolutions are available online at www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/industry/telco/resolutions/index.htm. If you do not have Internet access, you may obtain a hard copy by contacting the Telecommunications Division at (415) 703-1638.

Pursuant to Public Utilities (PU) Code 311 (g), these draft resolutions are available for public comments. Comments should be focused on factual, legal, and/or technical errors in the draft resolution

and/or comments of other parties. Opening comments, which are due on **December 2, 2003**, must be limited to five pages in length and shall include a subject index listing the recommendations to the draft resolution, a table of authorities, and an appendix setting forth the proposed revised findings and ordering paragraphs. Reply comments, which are due on **December 8, 2003**, shall be limited to identifying misrepresentations of law, fact, or condition of the record contained in the comments of other parties. Replies shall not exceed three pages in length and shall be submitted and served in the same manner as opening comments.

The date of submission is the date the comments are received by the Telecommunications Division. Late-filed opening comments and/or reply comments will ordinarily be rejected. However, in extraordinary circumstances, a request for leave to submit comments or replies late may be filed together with proposed comments/replies. An accompanying declaration under penalty of perjury shall be submitted setting forth all the reasons for the late submission.

Opening and reply comments on these resolutions, should be addressed to:

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Parties must serve a copy of their comments, on the same date that the comments are submitted to the CPUC, on parties identified below:

- For draft Resolution T-16784: 17 small LECs, the CHCF- A AC, the parties of record in R01-08-002, and A99-09-044.
- For draft Resolution T-16793: 17 small LECs, the CHCF- A AC, the parties of record in R01-08-002, A99-09-044, and all certificated telecommunications carriers.
- For draft Resolution T-16794: the CHCF- B AC, the parties of record in R95-01-020/I.95-01-021, CHCF-B claimants, and all certificated telecommunications carriers.
- For draft Resolution T-16795: parties of record in R98-09-005, the ULTS-AC, and all telecommunications carriers.
- For draft Resolution T-16782: the CTF- A AC, the parties of record in R95-01-020/I.95-01-021, and all certificated telecommunications carriers.

These draft resolutions will be on the agenda of the Commission's December 18, 2003 meeting. The Commission may vote on these resolutions, or it may postpone a vote until later. When the Commission votes on a draft resolution, it may adopt all or part of it as written, amend, or modify it, or set it aside and prepare a different resolution. Only when the Commission acts does the resolution become binding on the parties. A conformed copy of the adopted resolution will also be available online at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/industry/telco/resolutions/index.htm.

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