

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**NOTICE LETTER**

January 25, 2005

Subject: Draft Resolution T-16916

Summary

Draft Resolution T-16916 proposes the approval of the California High Cost Fund-A (CHCF-A) surcharge rate from 0.17% to 0.15% effective April 1, 2005. This revised surcharge rate, if adopted by the Commission, will remain effective until further revised by the Commission.

Draft Resolution T-16916 will be on the agenda of the Commission's February 24, 2005 meeting. The Commission may vote on the resolution, 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. The conformed resolution when adopted by the Commission will be available on the Commission's web-site, www.cpuc.ca.gov. ***Only when the Commission acts does this resolution become binding on the parties.***

Opening and Reply Comments

Pursuant to Public Utilities (PU) Code 311 (g), Draft Resolution T-16916 is available for public comments. Comments should be focused on factual, legal, and/or technical errors in the draft resolution. Comments 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. Comments must be received no later than **February 9, 2005** (which is 15 days from the date of this mailing). Reply comments may be submitted on or before **February 14, 2005** (5 days after opening comments are due) and 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. Opening comments as well as reply comments should be addressed to:

Hassan Mirza, Public Programs Branch
CPUC/ Telecommunications Division
505 Van Ness Avenue
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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.

Service List for Opening and Reply Comments

Parties filing opening and/or reply comments must serve a copy of their comments to parties on the service list of Draft Resolution T-16916 on the same date that the comments are submitted to the Telecommunications Division. The T-16916 Service List will be posted at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/industry/telco/index.htm> by February 4, 2005.

If you wish to be served by parties filing opening and reply comments, please submit your request by e-mail to mhm@cpuc.ca.gov or by phone at 415-703-1638 no later than **February 2, 2005**.

/s/ John Leutza
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