

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the
Commission's Own Motion into the Service
Quality Standards for All Telecommunications
Carriers and Revisions to General Order 133-B.

Rulemaking 02-12-004
(Filed December 5, 2002)

**ASSIGNED ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S
RULING ESTABLISHING DISCOVERY GUIDELINES**

This ruling establishes discovery guidelines in this proceeding and permits two sets of comments to be filed one day late. The Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) preliminarily determined that this proceeding is quasi-legislative and there is no need for evidentiary hearings. No prehearing conference (PHC) has been held and an earlier ruling on the motion to suspend established an initial comment cycle on four issues. However, parties have been conducting discovery, resulting in two motions to compel and questions from parties concerning discovery practice before the Commission.

Generally, propounding discovery requests prior to a determination that evidentiary hearings will be convened is not effective. However, I have consulted with the assigned Commissioner and will establish general guidelines for discovery in this proceeding, which should permit parties to efficiently participate by focusing on the preparation and filing of requested comments. At this point in the proceeding, those parties who submit workpapers or prepare workpapers in connection with their filed comments should be prepared to

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Administrative Law Judge’s Ruling Establishing Discovery Guidelines on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated May 2, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TERESITA C. GALLARDO
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