



**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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In the Matter of Application of Foresthill Telephone Co. (U1009C) to Review Intrastate Rates and Charges, Establish a New Intrastate Revenue Requirement and Rate Design, and Modify Selected Rates.

Application 17-10-004

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RULING SETTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE**

On Monday, October 2, 2017, Foresthill Telephone Company (FTC) filed a general ratecase application (Application) to the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for review of its intrastate rates and charges for regulated intrastate telecommunications services, for updates to its intrastate revenue requirement, and for establishment of a rate design that will give FTC a reasonable opportunity to meet its revenue requirement. The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) filed a protest to the Application on November 1, 2017. A prehearing conference (PHC) was set by a ruling dated on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 and the parties were subsequently directed to file a joint PHC statement.

However, ORA and FTC filed separate PHC statement(s) on Monday, March 5, 2018. On Friday, March 16, 2018, the PHC was held to determine parties, discuss the scope, the schedule, and other procedural matters. Following the PHC on March, 5, 2018, a ruling was issued stating the intention of the Commission to hold a Public Participation Hearing (PPH) on FTC's application within FTC's service territory on June 14, 2018.

The PPH is set for the following date, time and location:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
June 14, 2018	6:00pm	Foresthill Memorial Hall 24601 Harrison Street, Foresthill, California 95631

Members of the public who wish to comment at the PPH may address issues related to the FTC application for general rate increase, and other issues of concern.

FTC shall provide notice of the PPH to its customers not less than five nor more than 30 days prior to a hearing. The written notice shall be submitted to the Commission's Public Advisor's Office<sup>1</sup> for approval, no later than June 8, 2018. FTC shall send the approved written notice of the PPH, by U.S. mail to all of its customers in California no later than June 10, 2018. The written notice shall be provided by bill insert unless FTC requests an alternative delivery method. To the extent that any customers are billed electronically via the Internet, notice to those customers may be given electronically.

FTC will provide the Public Advisor's Office, not later than five days prior to the PPH, a letter verifying that it has complied with this customer notice requirement. The compliance letter shall state the date(s) notices were sent to customers and the approximate number of customers so notified. One copy of the actual notice shall be attached.

FTC may provide a company representative at the PPH to make a brief opening statement. ORA having filed the sole protest to the application, may

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<sup>1</sup> To expedite the review process, FTC may submit the draft notice to the Public Advisor via email at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov).

also provide a representative to make a brief statement. The opening statements shall not exceed five minutes each. FTC and ORA shall each inform the Public Advisor's Office, no later than June 11, 2018, as to whether or not they will be making an opening statement.

**IT IS SO RULED.**

Dated June 1, 2018, at San Francisco, California.

          /s/ COLIN R. RIZZO            
Colin R. Rizzo  
Administrative Law Judge