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

In the Matter of the Application of DCR  
TRANSMISSION, LLC for a Certificate of  
Public Convenience and Necessity for the  
Ten West Link Project.

Application 16-10-012

**EMAIL RULING SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND DIRECTING  
PARTIES TO PREPARE A JOINT PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENT**

Dated November 20, 2020, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DAPHNE LEE

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**Subject:** A.16-10-012 Email Ruling Setting Prehearing Conference and Directing  
Parties to Prepare a Joint Prehearing Conference Statement

**Attention all Parties on the Service List:**

This ruling sets the Prehearing Conference (PHC) on Application (A.)16-10-012 for December 8, 2020 at 10 a.m. and provides instructions for the remote PHC.

WebEx Attendee

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This ruling also directs all parties to meet and confer prior to the PHC and prepare a Joint PHC Statement to be filed with the docket office and served on all parties to this proceeding by December 2, 2020. As it seems that this proceeding maybe ready to proceed to evidentiary hearing, the Joint PHC Statement shall address the following:

1. Identification of any material facts in dispute, if any;
2. Identification of any material legal dispute requiring legal briefing, if any;
3. Identification of all witnesses to be called at the evidentiary hearing on the identified factual dispute, including the disputed issue(s) each witness testimony will address;
4. Identification of all proposed exhibits;
5. Proposed Schedule for the remainder of this proceeding, including evidentiary hearing, briefing, time required for each witness testimony and oral argument, dates for exchange and submission of exhibits and filing of pre-hearing motions; and
6. Other issues which may impact proceeding schedule.

#### **Audio/Visual Set Up for Evidentiary Hearings**

- Any person that intends to speak during the hearings should log in to WebEx for audio and video.
- Parties, counsel, court reporters, and Administrative Law Judge must have their video on during the hearing and will be visible on the screen; other attendees do not appear on the screen and will be in a watch-only mode and muted.
- All persons logging in to WebEx will enter as an attendee. CPUC staff will activate visibility for those designated as visible.
- All participants must log in **15 minutes** prior to the start of the hearings to ensure timely start of the hearing and also allow for us to address housekeeping matters prior to going on the record.
- Participants should ensure prior to the hearing that they have all necessary audio/visual equipment, sufficient power/battery, and sufficient connectivity.
- Designated visible participants will be expected to leave their camera on except during breaks.

- All attendees should mute when not speaking.
- For technical issues with WebEx or the telephone line, parties may e-mail Robert Stanford at [Robert.Stanford@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Robert.Stanford@cpuc.ca.gov).

### **Procedural Instructions to During the PHC**

- Parties are directed to adhere to the following ground rules for WebEx participation:
  - Mute yourself unless you are speaking
  - Speak only when addressed by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ)
  - Identify yourself each time before you begin speaking
  - Speak slowly and clearly
  - Do not interrupt or speak over one another
- I will first hear from the parties – the applicant and any other parties - in the order I call on each of you. We will then move to discuss issues to be considered within the scope of this proceeding as well as proceeding schedule needs.

### **Procedural Instructions to Support Remote PHC**

- Instructions for Speaking: The court reporters will be relying on the audio from the WebEx session to transcribe the PHC. To ensure a complete and accurate record, participants should comply with the following instructions:
  - Speakers must identify themselves before speaking each time;
  - Speakers must speak slowly, clearly, and one at a time; and
  - Speakers should pause between statements, especially between question and answer during the course of the PHC.
- As this is a video remote PHC reliant on technology to relay statements in verbatim format by those in attendance to the court reporter, (1) the reporter will be interrupting the speakers when necessary to do so without disrupting the proceeding, when there is/are inaudible statement(s) or portions thereof, and (2) the reporter will be inserting the word “inaudible” in the transcript when there is dropped, garbled, or otherwise indecipherable audio.

### **How Parties Should Indicate They Want to Speak:**

- Generally, parties should speak only when addressed and called on by the ALJ.
- To the extent that parties have an issue or question that they would like to raise, but that is not time-sensitive, they may pose the issue/question in the Q&A function of WebEx. The ALJs will set aside time to address these questions directly before or following breaks.

### **Reference to Confidential Materials During the Hearing**

- If any party anticipates referring to confidential materials during the PHC, the party should notify the ALJs as soon as possible to ensure that the necessary arrangements can be made.

- To ensure the communication is secure and ensure transparency into who is participating in the discussion, we will setup a separate WebEx only session (including audio) for confidential portions of the evidentiary hearing.
- Because this approach would require switching technologies and potentially WebEx sessions, discussion of confidential material would likely occur at the end of the hearing.

Each primary party representative shall email the ALJ by 5 p.m. on December 7, 2020, with the name of all individuals intending to speak at the PHC, including the primary party representative, with the following in the subject line of the email: "A.16-10-012 Primary Party Representative for PHC."

If parties have prepared statements they intend to make during the PHC, please email them to the ALJ and the court reporter by 5 p.m. on November 4, 2020, at [reporting@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:reporting@cpuc.ca.gov). Parties desiring expedited transcripts should advise the Chief Hearing Reporter via e-mail at [reporting@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:reporting@cpuc.ca.gov), no later than three days prior to the first day of hearing.

**IT IS SO RULED.**

**THE DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING.**

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