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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIAPM

A2211001

In the Matter of Application of Foresthill Telephone Co. (U1009C) to Modify Intrastate Revenue Requirement and Rate Design and Adjust Selected Rates.

Application 22-11-001

And Related Matter.

Application 22-11-002

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES' RULING SETTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS AND RELATED INSTRUCTIONS

This ruling sets the time and date for a combined remote public participation hearing (PPH) in the Applications from Foresthill Telephone Company (FTC or Foresthill) and Kerman Telephone Company (KTC or Kerman) to modify their respective rate revenue requirements, rate design, and to adjust their selected rates.

The PPH is scheduled for April 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The PPH is an opportunity for the public, including customers of Foresthill and Kerman, to communicate directly with the Commission regarding the issues raised in this proceeding.

Written public comments may also be provided at any time during the proceeding using the "Add Public Comment" button on the "Public Comment" tab of the Docket Cards for the Foresthill proceeding

at <u>apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2211001</u> and for the Kerman proceeding at <u>apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2211002</u>, respectively. FTC and KTC shall notify their customers of the PPH with information including date, time, login, and dial in instructions, and how to participate. Customer notifications shall be in English and Spanish and utilize all media and methodologies that the companies typically use to communicate with their customers including, but not limited to bill inserts, local news outlets, and social media. Notifications shall be provided at least 30 days prior to the PPH.

1. PPH Details

The schedule for the PPH is as follows:

Description	Time (approximate)
Introductory Comments by Administrative Law Judge (ALJ)	5:00 p.m 5:15 p.m.
Remarks by Assigned Commissioner (if any)	5:15 p.m 5:25 p.m.
Remarks by Communications Division (if any)	5:25 p.m 5:30 p.m.
Summary of the Proceedings by ALJ	5:30 p.m 5:40 p.m.
Presentation by Counsel/Representatives for Foresthill Telephone and Kerman Telephone	5:40 p.m 6:00 p.m.
Presentation by Counsel for Public Advocates Office	6:00 p.m 6:20 p.m.
Instructions to Public Callers by ALJ	6:20 p.m 6:25 p.m.
Public Comment	6:25 p.m End
Closing Remarks by ALJ	End

English - telephone number to comment publicly and/or listen:	1-800-857-1917
English – passcode	1767567#
Español – número de teléfono para comentar públicamente y/o escuchar:	1-800-857-1917
Español – contraseña	3799627#
Website to view the public participation hearings and to access the video recording after the public participation hearings:	adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/

The following is the information to access the PPH:

Public Officials wishing to speak at the PPH should provide the telephone operator with their name, title, and governmental entity. Based on the number of participants waiting to comment, the ALJ may limit an individual's comment time.

Updates and further information regarding the PPH are available at <u>cpuc.ca.gov/pph</u>. Documents filed in this proceeding are available and the court reporters' transcripts of statements made during the PPH will be made available through the Docket Card for these FTC and KTC proceedings

at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2211001 (for Foresthill) and

apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2211002 (for Kerman).

2. Who May Observe PPH

Anyone may observe the PPH via the telephone and/or webcast

information provided above.

3. Directives To The Parties And Any Other Person That Would Like To Present At The PPH

FTC and KTC shall prepare the name, title, and telephone number of at least one senior customer service representative who can represent both FTC

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and KTC and be reached by customers during the hearings for individual service or billing issues. A representative from FTC and KTC must also be prepared to respond to specific questions about material in FTC's and KTC's respective filings in these proceedings. FTC and KTC shall provide this information to the Public Advisor's Office no later than seven days before the PPH. This information may be posted for the public during the hearings.

FTC and KTC are directed to prepare a brief presentation, which shall be no longer than a combined twenty minutes on their positions and analysis of their proposed rate adjustments.

The Public Advocates Office is directed to provide a presentation, which also shall be no longer than 20 minutes as well.

Parties shall provide by e-mail to the service list by March 10, 2023, the name, position, e-mail, and phone number of the individual who will be conducting the presentations. If the parties will be using a script at the PPH, they shall also include a copy of the script. Any slides used in the presentation shall have information in both English and Spanish and be provided concurrently when submitting the name of the of the individual conducting the presentation. Please provide the materials by March 10, 2023 in Microsoft PowerPoint (preferred), Microsoft Word, or PDF format.

4. Procedural Instructions Regarding the PPH

The court reporters will be relying on the audio from the Verizon telephone system, and not WebEx, to transcribe the PPH. To ensure a complete and accurate record, participants should comply with the following instructions:

- Speakers must identify themselves before speaking each time and state and spell their name the first time that they speak;
- Speakers must speak slowly, clearly, and one at a time; and

• Speakers should pause between statements during the PPH.

As this this an audio and video remote public participation hearing which relies on technology to relay statements in verbatim format by those in attendance to the court reporter, (1) the reporter will be interrupting the speakers, if necessary, 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.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated February 17, 2023, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ PATRICIA B. MILES Patricia B. Miles Administrative Law Judge /s/ DAVID R. VAN DYKEN David R. Van Dyken Administrative Law Judge