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Order Instituting Rulemaking to
Consider Revisions and Updates to
the Deaf and Disabled
Telecommunications Program.

Rulemaking 23-11-001

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING REMOTE PREHEARING CONFERENCE

This ruling sets a date and time for a remote prehearing conference (PHC), sets ground rules for PHC participation, and sets a preliminary proceeding scope and schedule for the above-entitled matter. The purpose of the PHC is to review the preliminary scope and schedule of the Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) to Consider Revisions and Updates to the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program (DDTP) and to address any other issues with the goal of thoughtfully and efficiently updating the DDTP.

1. Prehearing Conference Date and Time

February 9, 2024, 10:30AM

WebEx Logon Information:

Join from the meeting link:

<https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m1ab122774ed191721b329187840fdb5d>

Webinar password:

2024 (2024 from phones and video systems)

Webinar number:

2483 878 8910

Join by phone:

1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free

+1-415-655-0002 United States Toll

Access Code:

248 387 88910

A sign language interpreter will be present and closed captioning will be enabled in WebEx. A court reporter will also be present, and a transcript will be filed on the Docket afterward.

2. WebEx Ground Rules

The purpose of the PHC will be to address the preliminary scope of issues, schedule, categorization and need for hearing. To conduct an efficient PHC, and for the benefit of the court reporter, parties are directed to adhere to the following ground rules:

1. Be punctual. Appearances will be taken at the beginning of the PHC only.
2. Do not speak unless called upon to speak. A speaking order will be established based on the appearances
(See Section 3 below), so every party representative will have an opportunity to speak.
3. Mute your phone or device when not speaking;
4. State your name each and every time before you speak;
5. Speak slowly and clearly for benefit of the sign language interpreter, the closed captioning, and the court reporter for a clear transcript;
6. Do not use a speaker phone when speaking;

7. Email the name of your party's representative by no later than February 9, 2024 (*See* Section 3 below).
8. Do not interrupt or speak over one another.

3. Party Representation and Service List

Interested parties intending to actively participate in the PHC by way of making oral statements and comments during the PHC shall designate one representative that will speak on the party's behalf. By no later than February 6, 2024, each party must provide the name of its representative and organization to the assigned Administrative Law Judge, David Van Dyken, at david.vandyken@cpuc.ca.gov. The title of the email shall be as follows: "DDTP OIR PHC: Rulemaking (R.) 23-11-001 Party Representative." This process will allow us to take appearances during the PHC quickly and establish a speaking order.

Parties who wish to make changes or additions to the service list should complete the "Addition/Change of Official Service List" form (found on the CPUC website) and send to both process_office@cpuc.ca.gov and reporting@cpuc.ca.gov prior to the PHC.

Parties desiring expedited or daily transcripts should advise the Chief Hearing Reporter via e-mail at reporting@cpuc.ca.gov no later than three days prior to the first day of hearing. If no party orders an expedited transcript, it will be filed on the Docket eight weeks after the prehearing conference.

4. Anticipated Scope of Issues

The following is a preliminary list of issues that we deem to be within the scope of the OIR. The assigned Commissioner will finalize the issues before the Commission after review of comments and input from stakeholders at the PHC:

1. Whether, and if so, how, the Commission should modify DDTP rules in light of the changing communications landscape and participants' needs;
2. Whether, and if so, which, additional services and equipment should be offered by DDTP in light of the changing communications landscape and participants' needs (including additional support during emergency situations);
3. Whether barriers exist that prevent eligible participants from enrolling in DDTP and how to overcome those barriers;
4. Whether DDTP can be, or should be, coordinated with other consumer programs to increase program awareness and enrollment;
5. Whether there is a need, and if so, how, to enhance education, outreach, partnerships, and training to increase awareness and technical proficiency of DDTP;
6. Whether the Needs Assessment Report recommendations should be adopted in whole, part, or with modifications;
7. Whether and if so, how, there will be a funding impact due to changes in rules or expansion of offerings and services of DDTP; and
8. Whether there are any potential impacts on environmental and social justice (ESJ) communities, including the extent to

which modifications to DDTP impact the achievement of any of the nine goals of the Commission's ESJ Action Plan.¹

5. Proceeding Schedule

Below is a proposed schedule. During the PHC, parties shall comment on the recommended schedule, in addition to identifying a need for, and date for, any additional events such as workshops and public participation hearings.

Event	Date
OIR adopted	November 2, 2023
Opening comments on OIR	January 9, 2024
Reply comments on OIR	January 22, 2024
Prehearing Conference (PHC)	February 9, 2024
Scoping Memo and Ruling	March 2024
Workshop(s)	March 2024 – May 2024
Proposed decision	Q4 2024 or Q1 2025

IT IS RULED that:

1. The remote Prehearing Conference for the Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Revisions and Updates to the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program is set for February 9, 2024 at 10:30AM via WebEx using the logon information in Section 1 above.

2. Parties shall email the name of its representative and organization to the assigned Administrative Law Judge, David Van Dyken, at david.vandyken@cpuc.ca.gov by no later than February 6, 2024. The title of the

¹ <https://www.cpsc.ca.gov/news-and-updates/newsroom/environmental-and-social-justice-action-plan>

email shall be as follows: “DDTP OIR PHC: Rulemaking (R.) 23-11-001 Party Representative.”

Dated December 21, 2023, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DAVID VAN DYKEN

David Van Dyken
Administrative Law Judge