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**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE REQUIRING A JOINT
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENT AND REQUESTING
POST PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENTS**

This ruling sets a Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) for the above-captioned proceeding for December 16, 2025, beginning at 1:30 p.m., and requires parties to submit a joint PHC statement by December 9, 2025. Parties may also file and serve post-PHC statements by December 23, 2025.

1. The Pre-hearing Conference

The purpose of this PHC is to identify the parties to the proceeding, confirm the service list, determine the positions of the parties, discuss the scope and schedule of the proceeding, and other procedural matters.

The public webinar information is:

- **Link:** <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m95358ba79894d20a89d33d78e295d7b2>
- **Password:** 122025
- **Webinar Number/Access Code:** 2483 623 1670
- **Join by Phone:**
 - **Toll Free:** 1-855-282-6330
 - **Local:** 1-415-655-0002

2. Joint Pre-hearing Conference Statement

Parties are directed to meet and confer and file a Joint PHC Statement by December 9, 2025, detailing the parties' agreed and disputed positions on the following topics:

1. Scope of Proceeding;
2. Proceeding Schedule;
3. Need for Evidentiary Hearing;
4. Anticipated Motions; and
5. Anticipated Environmental and Social Justice Issues.

By the deadline above, the parties shall file and e-mail to the Service List the Joint PHC Statement as well as a Joint Participant List showing the name, position, e-mail address, and telephone number of the parties' proposed speakers that will appear at the PHC. Additionally, please e-mail the Joint Participant List to amjad.issa@cpuc.ca.gov and james.donovan@cpuc.ca.gov.

3. Post Pre-hearing Conference Statements

Parties may also file and serve post-PHC statements, no longer than five pages, by December 23, 2025. Post-PHC statements are limited to procedural issues.

4. Instructions for Speakers

4.1. Confirm Party Status

If you do not have party status and you intend to speak at the PHC, you may request party status by filing a motion for party status by December 9, 2025. If you do not have party status and you intend to file a post-PHC statement, you may file a motion for party status by the deadline for post-PHC statements. Please confirm your party status at https://ia.cpus.ca.gov/servicelists/A2406014_95579.htm

If your party status is not reflected on this service list, please e-mail process_office@cpuc.ca.gov.

4.2. Request an Expedited Transcript

Parties desiring an expedited transcript should advise the Chief Hearing Reporter at reporting@cpuc.ca.gov prior to the PHC.

4.3. Prepared Remarks

A party's designated speaker will have the opportunity to speak for up to two minutes on each of the following agenda items:

- i. Issues in scope/proceeding categorization; and
- ii. Proceeding schedule/need for hearings.

The amount of time for each speaker may be reduced if the total number of designated speakers is greater than 20. Parties may provide more detailed comments on procedural issues in post-PHC statements.

4.4. Arrive by 1:10 pm

Speakers should log in by 1:10 pm, 20-minutes prior to the start of the PHC, to take roll call and to test their audio and video equipment. Speakers should be prepared to receive any additional instructions 5-minutes prior to the start of the PHC. Party representatives will be e-mailed a panelist invitation prior to the PHC. If you are a party representative and you do not receive a panelist invitation, please contact amjad.issa@cpuc.ca.gov and james.donovan@cpuc.ca.gov.

4.5. Ground Rules for Participation

Speakers shall mute their audio connections when not speaking. Speakers shall only speak when addressed by the Administrative Law Judge. Speakers shall unmute their audio connections and identify themselves by name and party affiliations before speaking. Speakers shall speak slowly and clearly.

4.6. Other Guidance

Parties who share positions or interests are strongly encouraged to designate one PHC speaker for their organizations. Parties may file post-PHC statements instead of or in addition to speaking at the PHC.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated November 21, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ BRANDON GERSTLE

Brandon Gerstle
Administrative Law Judge