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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Service Employees International Union
(SEIU), California State Council; Service
Employees International Union, Local
521; Service Employees International
Union, Local 721; Service Employees
International Union, Local 1021,

Complainant,

vs.

Waymo LLC

Defendant.

Case 26-03-035

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

This ruling (1) sets an in-person prehearing conference (PHC) for June 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. the California Public Utilities Commission headquarters at 505 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco, California, Hearing Room C; (2) directs the parties to meet and confer; and (3) directs Complainant, Service Employees International Union (SEIU or Complainant) to submit a Joint PHC Statement by June 3, 2026.

1. Procedural and Factual Background

On March 27, 2026, SEIU filed a complaint against Waymo LLC (Waymo) alleging that Waymo is in violation of Decision 20-11-046 and its own Passenger Safety Plan by transporting unaccompanied minors in its driverless vehicles. Complainant contends that the Commission's failure to enforce the rules against Waymo gives Waymo unfair market advantage over other transportation network companies. Complainant urges the Commission to impose financial penalties on Waymo, obligate Waymo to ensure that its services are not utilized by unaccompanied minors and suspend Waymo's permit to operate until it complies.

On April 28, 2026, the California Public Utilities Commission issued Instructions to Answer Notice to Defendant.

2. Prehearing Conference

A PHC will be held on June 8, 2026, at 10:00 am at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, in Hearing Room C at 10:00 am. The purpose of the PHC is to (1) determine the parties; (2) accept appearances and establish the permanent service list; (3) determine the positions of the parties; (4) identify issues for inclusion in the scoping memo for this proceeding; (5) discuss the schedule for this proceeding; (6) determine if there are any challenges to either the categorization of this proceeding; (7) determine the need for hearings; and (8) discuss any additional procedural matters relevant to this proceeding.

3. Meet and Confer for Prehearing Conference and Preparation of a Joint Prehearing Statement

This ruling directs the parties to meet and confer prior to the PHC to discuss and attempt to reach agreement regarding the matters identified below and prepare a Joint PHC Statement. This ruling further directs SEIU to file with

the Docket Office and serve to the official service list the Joint PHC Statement by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. The Joint PHC Statement must identify and provide the following, including if the parties cannot reach agreement on a matter, a statement describing the positions of the parties:

- a. The name, phone number and email address of individuals intending to speak at the PHC, and, in the case of multiple representatives for the same party, indicate who is designated as the primary party representative;
- b. The proposed scope of issues to be decided in this proceeding;
- c. The status of settlement discussions, if any;
- d. Whether mediation conducted by a neutral Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), other than the assigned ALJ, would help resolve the disputed issues;
- e. Whether any discovery is needed and the anticipated date that discovery would be completed;
- f. Proposed proceeding schedule;
- g. What material facts are undisputed;
- h. What material facts are in dispute;
- i. What legal issues are undisputed;
- j. What legal issues are in dispute;
- k. The need for hearings; and
- l. Other issues relevant to this proceeding that a party wants to discuss at the PHC.

4. Service List

Parties requiring changes or additions to the official service list shall complete the required "Addition/Change of Official Service List" form and send to both process_office@cpuc.ca.gov and reporting@cpuc.ca.gov prior to the PHC.

5. Transcripts

Parties desiring expedited or daily transcripts should advise the Chief Hearing Reporter via email at reporting@cpuc.ca.gov, no later than three days prior to the PHC.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The parties shall attend and participate in a prehearing conference on June 8, 2026, at 10:00 am at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, Hearing Room C.
2. The parties shall meet and confer regarding the issues set forth above.
3. Service Employees International Union shall file with the Docket Office and serve to the Service List a Joint Prehearing Conference Statement by 5:00 pm on June 3, 2026, containing the specific information listed above.

Dated May 26, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ LEAH S GOLDBERG
Leah S. Goldberg
Administrative Law Judge