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

Order Instituting Rulemaking  
Proceeding to Consider Changes to  
the Commission's Carrier of Last  
Resort Rules.

Rulemaking 24-06-012

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SOLICITING  
COMMENTS ON FCC SECTION 214 SERVICE  
DISCONTINUANCE RULES CHANGE IMPACT**

On March 26, 2026, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a Report and Order that, among other items, revised its Section 214 Service Discontinuance Rules.<sup>1</sup> These rules have now become effective.

This Ruling sets aside submission for the purpose of allowing parties to comment on whether the FCC's revised rules impact the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) carrier of last resort rules (COLR Rules) and, if yes, to provide a detailed explanation of how the FCC's revised rules impact the Commission's COLR Rules. Parties should also discuss, if appropriate, whether and how the Commission must harmonize its COLR Rules to comply with the FCC's Order and how the Commission could do so in a manner that meets both the FCC's requirements and federal and state universal service obligations. What new rules, if any, should the Commission adopt in

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<sup>1</sup> FCC, *In the Matter of Reducing Barriers to Network Improvements and Service Changes* (WC Docket No. 25-209) and *Accelerating Network Modernization* (WC Docket No. 25-208), FCC 26-19, released March 27, 2026.

light of the FCC's Order? What new rules, if any, would be foreclosed by the Order?

By not later than June 10, 2026, parties may file and serve opening comments on this issue. The deadline for parties to file and serve reply comments is June 17, 2026.

Given that parties have previously filed and served comments regarding the FCC's 214 Service Discontinuance process,<sup>2</sup> parties may choose to reference their previous comments, if the FCC's revised rules do not change the content of their filings.

**IT IS RULED** that, by not later than June 10, 2026, parties may file and serve opening comments on the impact of the FCC's revised Section 214 Discontinuance Rules on this Commission's COLR Rules. The deadline for parties to file and serve reply comments is June 17, 2026.

Dated May 28, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ THOMAS J GLEGOLA

Thomas J. Glegola  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>2</sup> See, Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Regarding Comments on Topics Discussed at August 22, 2025 Workshop, issued October 1, 2025, at 2.