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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Registration of Easton Telecom Services, L.L.C. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide non-facilities based Digital Voice Fixed Interconnected VoIP services pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

Application 25-10-022

EMAIL RULING SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE, DIRECTING PARTIES TO MEET AND CONFER AND DIRECTING APPLICANT TO FILE A JOINT PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENT

Dated June 16, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ LEAH S. GOLDBERG

Leah S. Goldberg
Administrative Law Judge

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Subject: A.25-10-022: Email Ruling Setting Prehearing Conference, Directing Parties to Meet and Confer and Directing Applicant to file a Joint Prehearing Conference Statement

To the parties in A.25-10-022,

This ruling (1) sets a Prehearing Conference (PHC) for June 30, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., (2) directs the parties to meet and confer, and (3) directs Applicant, Easton Telecom Services, LLC (Applicant) to file and serve a Joint PHC Statement by June 23, 2026.

Background

On October 22, 2025, Applicant filed for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for a non-facilities based, fixed interconnected Voice of Internet Protocol Service Provider (Application). On February 11, 2026, the Commission's Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division (CPED) filed a protest to the Application alleging violations of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure Rule 1.1. On March 11, 2026, the Application was reassigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Leah Goldberg. And the proceeding was posted on the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 20, 2026.

On April 2, 2026, the assigned ALJ issued a ruling setting a PHC for April 14, 2026, and directed the parties to meet and confer and file a Joint PHC statement by April 9, 2026. On April 8, 2026, Applicant filed a motion to reschedule the PHC. The assigned ALJ approved the motion and rescheduled the PHC to May 4, 2026. On April 21, 2026, Applicant filed another motion to reschedule the PHC. The assigned ALJ approved the motion and rescheduled the PHC to June 8, 2026.

CPED, then sent a procedural email to the assigned ALJ and the service list stating that CPED did not agree to changing the date to June 8, 2026, because it conflicted with prescheduled vacation plans. The assigned ALJ vacated the June 8, 2026, PHC date.

On May 27, 2026, CPED sent another procedural email, stating that the parties are in settlement discussions and requested that the PHC be delayed until mid-July.

Discussion and Notice of PHC

This Application has been preliminarily categorized as ratesetting. Ratesetting proceedings must be completed within 18 months from the date of filing. (Public Utilities Code section 1701.5(a).) Because the proceeding has not been scoped and nearly four months have passed since this matter appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar, the request to move the PHC to mid-July is denied.

Notice is hereby given that the PHC will be held on June 30, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Hearing Room A at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.

The purpose of the PHC is to determine the parties, scope of issues, proceeding schedule, and other procedural matters. During the PHC, we will discuss the following matters: 1) Appearances and Service List; 2) Categorization; 3) Scope of Issues; 4) Schedule; 5) the need for Evidentiary Hearings; and 6) Miscellaneous Matters including Procedural Requirements.

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 Applicant to file with the Docket Office, and serve to the official service list the Joint PHC Statement by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 23, 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. Objections to the preliminary categorization;
- c. Proposed scope of issues to be addressed in the proceeding;

- d. Proposed proceeding schedule;
- e. Material facts in dispute;
- f. Material legal disputes;
- g. The need for evidentiary hearings;
- h. Potential achievement of goals set forth in the Commission's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan through the approval of the application; and
- i. Other issues relevant to this proceeding that a party wants to discuss at the PHC.

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.

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. A Prehearing Conference will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in hearing room A, at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, as set forth above.
2. The parties shall meet and confer regarding the issues set forth above.
3. Easton Telecom Services, LLC shall file with the Docket Office and serve to the Service List the Joint PHC Statement by 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2026.

The Docket Office Shall formally file this ruling.

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