



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

Rulemaking 24-06-012

**THREE-DAY ADVANCE NOTICE OF EX PARTE MEETING  
OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATES OFFICE**

The Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates) provides notice pursuant to Rule 8.2(c)(2)(B) of the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure. Cal Advocates has been granted a joint *ex parte* meeting with representatives from the offices of Commissioner Karen Douglas and Commissioner Christine Harada. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Carrier of Last Resort and Network Modernization Staff Proposal,<sup>1</sup> the Public Advocates Office Reply Comments on the Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Issuing Staff Proposal,<sup>2</sup> the Joint Proposal of Cal Advocates and AT&T California,<sup>3</sup> and the impact of the Federal Communications Commission's Report and Order revising its Section 214 Service Discontinuance Rules.<sup>4</sup>

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., and will take place via WebEx.

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<sup>1</sup> *Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Issuing Staff Proposal For Comment, Attachment 2, Carrier of Last Resort and Network Modernization Staff Proposal (R.24-06-012)*, December 15, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> *The Public Advocates Office Reply Comments to Carrier of Last Resort Joint Proposal*, May 1, 2026.

<sup>3</sup> *The Public Advocates Office Reply Comments on the Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Issuing Staff Proposal*, February 13, 2026 (Cal Advocates Reply Comments on Staff Proposal), Appendix A at A-1-A-2.

<sup>4</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.

Attending the meeting for Commissioner Douglas' Office will be:

- Kourtney Vaccaro, Chief of Staff;
- Julian Buchwalter, Advisor; and
- Cristina Lizarraga, Policy Assistant.

Attending the meeting for Commissioner Harada's Office will be:

- Andrew Klutey, Advisor.

Attending the meeting on behalf of Cal Advocates will be:

- Ernesto Falcon, Program Manager;
- Charlotte Perrault, Program & Project Supervisor;
- Joshua Srago, Senior Analyst;
- Joshua Stager, Senior Analyst, and
- Ritta Merza, Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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