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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

Complainants

vs

Waymo LLC,

Defendant.

Case 26-03-035

**EMAIL RULING DIRECTING PARTIES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

Dated August 3, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ LEAH S. GOLDBERG

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Administrative Law Judge

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Subject: C.26-03-035 Email Ruling Directing Parties to Provide Additional Information

To the parties in C.26-03-035,

This email ruling directs the parties to provide additional information relating to SEIU et al's Motion to Compel Discovery. The parties are directed to respond to and file the information detailed in this ruling by Friday, August 14, 2026.

Procedural and Factual Background

On March 27, 2026, Service Employees International Union, California State Council, Service Employees International Union, Local 521, Service Employees International Union, Local 721, and Service Employees International Union, Local 1021 (collectively, SEIU or Complainants) filed a complaint against Waymo, LLC (Waymo or Defendant). The complaint alleges that Waymo transported minors in violation of Decision (D.) 20-11-046, Ordering Paragraph (OP) 7(k). OP 7(k) of D.20-11-046 requires autonomous vehicle (AV) charter-party carriers to ensure their service is available only to be chartered by adults 18 years and older. SEIU complains of three injuries: (1) a competitive injury; (2) a safety risk to members; and (3) a safety risk to members' children. SEIU requests several forms of relief: financial penalties, additional requirements

on Waymo's operation of driverless AV passenger services, and suspension of Waymo's permit to operate in California.

On May 28, 2026, Waymo filed an answer to SEIU's complaint. Waymo admits that its services have been used to transport unaccompanied minors but asserts that such rides do not constitute violations of law. Waymo contends that AV charter-party carriers are prohibited from allowing minors to *charter* their services, not from transporting minors.

On June 23, 2026, SEIU and Waymo filed a joint prehearing conference (PHC) statement. Waymo asserts that no material facts are in dispute, and thus an evidentiary hearing is not necessary in this proceeding. SEIU contends that a hearing is necessary to consider whether Waymo implemented all reasonable measures to prevent its service from being used to transport unaccompanied minors.

The assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) held a PHC on June 30, 2026. At the PHC, the parties discussed the need for discovery. Waymo contended that there was no need for discovery because it was going to file a motion to dismiss. SEIU, on the other hand, said that discovery was necessary and complained that Waymo was not responding to discovery. The assigned ALJ advised that she would not rule on discovery motions absent a motion from the parties. On July 1, 2026, SEIU filed a motion to compel discovery responses from Waymo.

On July 13, 2026, Waymo filed a Motion to Dismiss.

Discussion

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Rule 11.3 requires that the parties meet and confer as a condition precedent to ruling on a motion to compel discovery. Waymo asserts that the parties did not meet and confer about SEIU's discovery request. Therefore, prior to ruling on the motion, SEIU is directed to address Waymo's assertion that SEIU has not satisfied Rule 11.3.

Waymo's response to SEIU's motion to compel argued that the complaint should be dismissed but did not touch on the content of the motion. Does Waymo have any concerns about the substance of the SEIU's data request? If so, what are those concerns?

It is so Ruled.

The docket office shall formally file this Ruling.

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