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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Nexus LicenseCo, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.	Application 26-07-005
(NOT CONSOLIDATED)	
Application of Nexus Surfnet Buyer, LLC and Surfnet Communications, Inc. For an Order under Public Utilities Code Section 851 Authorizing the Acquisition of Assets from Surfnet Communications, Inc.	Application 26-08-018
(NOT CONSOLIDATED)	
Application of Nexus Hankins Buyer, LLC, Nexus LicenseCo, LLC, Hankins Information Technology, and Hankins Information Technology, Inc. For an Order under Public Utilities Code Section 851 Authorizing the Acquisition of Assets Held by Hankins Information Technology and Hankins Information Technology, Inc.	Application 26-08-019

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING CONSOLIDATING PROCEEDINGS

Rule 7.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure provides that "Proceedings involving related questions of law or fact may be consolidated." Based on Rule 7.4 and my own motion, I will consolidate three proceedings currently pending before the Commission, specifically, Application (A.) 26-08-018, A.26-08-019, and A.26-07-005. These three proceedings share related issues of law and fact.

The applicant in A.26-07-005 is an indirect subsidiary of Nexus Investment Partners, LLC, as is one of the applicants (Nexus Surfnet Buyer, LLC) in A.26-08-018 and as are two of the applicants (Nexus Hankin Buyer, LLC, and Nexus LicenseCo, LLC) in A.26-08-019. Thus, factually Nexus LicenseCo, LLC, Nexus Surfnet Buyer, LLC, and Nexus Hankin Buyer LLC are so-called "sister" organizations which share a common ultimate parent, Nexus Investment Partners, LLC.

In its application A.26-07-005, Nexus LicenseCo, LLC, requests the Commission to issue it a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and interexchange services, initially in specific areas of California and subsequently throughout the entire state. Once its CPCN is issued, Nexus LicenseCo, LLC, will rely on its sister corporations (the applicants in A.26-08-018 and A.26-08-019) to obtain permission from the Commission to purchase various tangible and intangible assets from the non-Nexus related applicants in A.26-08-018 and A.26-08-019. Because those non-Nexus related applicants are currently certificated telecommunications companies in California, the sales arrangements must be approved by the Commission, which is the motivation for filing both A.26-08-018 and A.26-08-019. If the Commission acts favorably on all three instant applications, the non-Nexus applicants in A.26-08-018 and A.26-08-019 will not compete with the Nexus related organizations in California.

Applicants were given the opportunity to be heard on possible consolidation during the October 12, 2026, prehearing conference. No party objected to consolidation.

Because each of the factual and legal determinations in each of the three proceedings referenced in the caption above will affect a single proposed investment plan in the telecommunications industry in California, I have determined that the factual and legal issues in all three proceedings are related and the proceedings should be consolidated. Consolidation promotes efficiency, minimizes conflicts in schedule, and promotes a timelier resolution of all three applications.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Proceedings A.26-07-005, A.26-08-018, A.26-08-019 shall be consolidated.

Dated November 17, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CHARLES FERGUSON
Charles Ferguson
Administrative Law Judge