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Docket #s: Sierra: A.16-10-003

Ponderosa: A.16-10-001

**CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS FOR RATE CASES
OF SIERRA TELEPHONE AND PONDEROSA TELEPHONE**

SAN FRANCISCO, January 27, 2017 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold Public Participation Hearings in the rate cases of Sierra Telephone Company and Ponderosa Telephone Company, as follows:

Sierra Telephone Company

WHEN: February 17, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Oakhurst Community Center Pavilion, 39800 Road - 425B (Fresno Flats Road), Oakhurst, CA 93644

WHAT: Sierra is requesting CPUC approval of its intrastate rates and charges for telecommunications services, for updates to its intrastate revenue requirement, and for establishment of a rate design. Sierra proposes to update its revenue requirement to \$28,937,006. In Sierra's last rate case, the CPUC approved a revenue requirement of \$29,970,934. If Sierra Telephone's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the residential basic rates would be set at approximately \$32.37 (including state and federal fees and surcharges), and the basic business rate would be set at \$33 (not including surcharges and fees).

Ponderosa Telephone Company

WHEN: March 27, 2017, 5 p.m.

WHERE: North Fork Rancheria Community Center, 56901 Kunugib, North Fork, CA 93643

WHAT: Ponderosa is requesting CPUC approval of its intrastate rates and charges for telecommunications services, for updates to its intrastate revenue requirement, and for establishment of a rate design. Ponderosa proposes to update its revenue requirement to \$13,993,453. In Ponderosa's last rate case, the CPUC approved a revenue requirement of \$15,408,670. If Ponderosa's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the residential basic rates would be set at approximately \$32.37 in all exchanges, (including state and federal fees and surcharges), and the basic business rate would be



set at \$34.15 (not including surcharges and fees).

Comments from the public can help the CPUC reach an informed decision so consumers are encouraged to attend Public Participation Hearings.

For those unable to attend a Public Participation Hearing in person, written comments on any proceeding may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to proceeding number A.16-10-003 (Sierra) or A.16-10-001 (Ponderosa) on any written or email correspondence about either of these proceedings. All public comments received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case.

Documents related to the Sierra proceeding are available at:

https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1610003.

Documents related to the Ponderosa proceeding are available at:

https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1610001.

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend a Public Participation Hearing, such as non-English language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least five business days in advance of the hearing.

For more information on Public Participation Hearings, please see www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH.

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While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken.

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