

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Comcast Phone of California, LLC (U-5698-C) to expand its existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide limited facilities-based telecommunication service in the service territory of Ponderosa Telephone Co.

A.19-01-003

**THE PONDEROSA TELEPHONE COMPANY'S
NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* COMMUNICATION**

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Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, The Ponderosa Telephone Company ("Ponderosa") hereby gives notice of an *ex parte* communication regarding the Application of Comcast Phone of California, LLC ("Comcast") to expand its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity into Ponderosa's service territory (A.19-01-003).

This communication was initiated by Jordan D. Segall, counsel for Ponderosa, and was oral only, taking place by telephone on March 21, 2019.¹ The communication occurred from 1:40 p.m. to 1:58 p.m. with Lester Wong, adviser to Commission Randolph.

Ponderosa's counsel expressed support for Ponderosa's motion to stay Comcast's Application in favor of the pending CHCF-A proceeding, R.11-11-007, and offered factual context for Ponderosa's motion, including the size of the planned Tesoro Viejo development where Comcast wishes to offer competitive wireline service and the agreements between Comcast and the developer of the Tesoro Viejo project.

Ponderosa's counsel also explained why the Commission should determine whether to permit wireline competition within the service territories of the small incumbent local exchange carriers ("Small ILECs") in the context of Phase 2 of the CHCF-A proceeding, rather than in Comcast's application proceeding, including

¹ Ponderosa timely filed and served a three-day advance notice for this meeting on March 18, 2019.

language in the Phase 1 decision and the interest of other Small LECs and prospective CLECs in the policy questions to be addressed in Phase 2.

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