

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING  
FOR THE SISKIYOU TELEPHONE COMPANY  
(Application A.15-12-001)**

On December 1, 2015, Siskiyou Telephone Company (Siskiyou) filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting a review of its intrastate revenue requirement and rate design. This application initiated a proceeding to evaluate and approve increases to Siskiyou's basic single-line residential rate, basic single-line business rate, and certain other rates and charges, and to also review the high cost fund support amounts the company receives. Further information may be obtained by contacting Siskiyou's business office at (530) 467-6000 or toll free at 1 (866) 467-6001. A copy of Siskiyou's application and its related exhibits may be examined at the office of the CPUC at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, 94102, or at Siskiyou's business office located at 30 Telco Way, Etna, California, 96027.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) wants to hear from you! A Public Participation Hearing (PPH) has been scheduled to receive your comments about Siskiyou's request to change its rate structure. The hearing location, date and time are as follows:

**Where:**           **Etna City Council Chambers  
Etna City Hall  
442 Main Street  
Etna, CA 96027**

**When:**           **April 19, 2016**

**Time:**           **5:00 PM**

The hearing's location is wheelchair accessible. If you need a language or Sign Interpreter, or would like to request assisted listening devices, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office (PAO) at least five business days prior to the hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may submit written comments directly to the PAO at the address noted at the bottom of this notice.

A CPUC Administrative Law Judge (Judge) will be presiding at this PPH to listen to concerns, comments, and opinions on the application. One or more Commissioners may attend, but no decisions will be reached at this hearing. All public comments from this PPH will be included in the formal record of this proceeding and become public record.

**CPUC PROCESS**

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA), the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent utility customers, has reviewed Siskiyou's request and it will be submitting a response to Siskiyou's proposal. ORA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about ORA, please call 1 (415) 703-1584, e-mail [ora@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:ora@cpuc.ca.gov) or visit ORA's website at <http://ora.ca.gov/default.aspx>.

The assigned Judge will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary Hearings (EHs) may be held where utilities, consumer advocacy groups and other entities which have been given official status as "parties," will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are

parties may participate. The hearings and documents submitted in the proceeding, become part of the formal record that the Judge relies upon when writing a proposed decision to present to the Commissioners for their consideration.

After considering all proposals and all evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision, determining whether to adopt Siskiyou's request, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a Commission Voting Meeting.

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If you would like to learn how you can participate in the proceeding, or if you have informal comments or questions about the CPUC processes, you may access the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office (PAO) webpage at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao/> You may also contact the PA as follows:

Write: CPUC Public Advisor's Office  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Email: [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov)

Phone: 1 (866) 849-8390 (toll free) or 1 (415) 703-2074  
1 (866) 836-7825 (toll free) or TTY 1 (415) 703-5282

Please reference "The Siskiyou Telephone Company, Application No. 15-12-001" in any communications you have with the Commission regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review for the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.