

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**505 VAN NESS AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102

December 14, 2007

To: All Interested Parties in Order Instituting Rulemaking (R.) 07-04-015

This letter lays out the scope and procedures for the post-firestorm workshop, as directed by Commissioner Simon's Assigned Commissioner Ruling issued April 12, 2007.

Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2008  
Time: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Location: Caltrans District 11 Building  
4050 Taylor Street  
San Diego, CA 92110

The purpose of the workshop is to review communication issues and challenges posed by the recent Southern California firestorms and to share best practices and lessons learned. Panel discussions will feature first responders, local and state government officials, telecommunications carriers and community alerting companies.

**Panel Topics**

1. How Cities and Localities Responded to the Firestorm
2. How Carriers Responded
3. How Notification System Vendors Responded
4. Proceedings on Backup Power and Emergency Notification
5. Next Steps for Improvement

This workshop will be incorporated into the R.07-04-015 proceeding record in which, pursuant to AB 2393, the Commission is investigating current practices and standards for emergency notification systems. Additional information about this proceeding is available at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/hottopics/2Telco/R0704015.htm>

The Commission invites broad participation in this workshop. Specialized accommodations will be provided for requests received by December 26, 2007, via email [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov); the toll-free telephone number (866) 849-8390 or the direct telephone number (415) 703-2074.

The workshop will be available via conference telephone – 1-866-713-1583, when prompted, enter the participant pass code – 4130464. Transcripts will be available to interested parties following the workshop by contacting Lynne Stanghellini at [las@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:las@cpuc.ca.gov).

Questions regarding the workshop can be directed to Communications Division staff:

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