

BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

COMMENCEMENT OF RATE REVIEW
PROCEEDINGS UNDER 4 CMC § 8421(a)
AND RELATED MATTERS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

After consultation with its general counsel, hearing examiner and regulatory consultant, after discussion at a duly noticed and convened meeting and for good cause shown, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission [CPUC] hereby **ORDERS AND DIRECTS THAT:**

1. Commencement of Rate Proceedings.

- a. Pursuant to its duty under 4 CMC § 8421(a), CPUC hereby establishes the following dockets to review the rates of regulated entities to determine whether they are just and reasonable and to take such action thereon to increase or decrease rates as it may deem appropriate:

Docket 09-2: [Review of Commonwealth Utilities Commission's water and wastewater rates and tariffs].

Docket 09-3: [Review of Pacific Telecom Inc.'s [PTI] rates and tariffs].

Docket 09-4: [Review of MCV Broadcasting rates and tariffs and determination of its eligibility for § 8421 exemption.]

- b. CPUC's hearing examiner is hereby authorized and directed, with such assistance as he may require from CPUC's general counsel and regulatory consultant [Georgetown] to commence regulatory proceedings during the December 2008 regulatory session, which will lead to public rate proceedings in these dockets during an April 2009 regulatory session.
- c. During the course of these docket proceedings, hearing examiner shall review and make recommendations on the need, pursuant to 4 CMC § 8409(n), to adopt rules, regulations and administrative orders applicable to regulated entities.

- d. The regulated entities, which are the subject of the above dockets, shall be responsible under 4 CMC § 8421(d) for CPUC's regulatory expenses in conducting the proceedings.

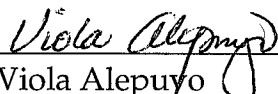
2. Commencement of Rulemaking Proceeding.

CPUC recognizes that regulated entities may claim that information, which is filed with it is confidential and therefore should not be subject to public inspection. The need for rules relating to the protection of confidential information in CPUC regulatory proceedings may arise upon the commencement of proceedings in Dockets 09-2, 3 and 4. The hearing examiner is hereby authorized and directed, with such assistance as he may require from CPUC's general counsel and regulatory consultant [Georgetown] to craft proposed confidentiality rules and to submit them for public comment and CPUC consideration.

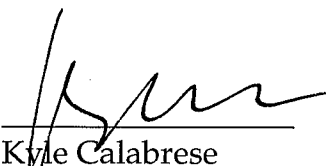
3. Distribution.

A copy of this order shall be provided to CUC, PTI and MCV Broadcasting.

December 19, 2008


Viola Alepuyo
Chairperson


Kimberlyn King-Hinds
Commissioner


Kyle Calabrese
Commissioner