

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

*Order Instituting Rulemaking Proceeding to  
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CALIFORNIA**

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**I. Introduction**

Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) respectfully moves for party status in this proceeding, *Order Instituting Rulemaking Proceeding to Consider Changes to Requirements on Video Franchisees Under the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act, and Revisions to General Order 169*, in accordance with Section 1.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure.

**II. Interest in this Proceeding**

A. RCRC is an association of forty<sup>1</sup> rural California counties, and its Board of Directors is comprised of one elected supervisor from each of those member counties. Our member counties extend from the Oregon border in the north, to the Mexico border in the southeast, and from the Central Coast to the Eastern Sierra. Founded in 1972, RCRC is a non-profit, mutual benefit corporation that

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<sup>1</sup> RCRC members include Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba counties.

works with its membership to advocate on behalf of rural issues and provide the rural county perspective on a myriad of topics at the state and federal levels through both the legislative and regulatory processes. A core tenant of RCRC is to promote a greater understanding among policy makers about the unique challenges that face California's small population counties.

- B. The Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act (DIVCA), amended by Senate Bill 28 (Ch. 673, Statutes of 2021), provided the Commission with greater authorization to oversee statewide franchise licenses, including collecting more granular data on locations served, as well as determining the quality of service on the network and to address consumer complaints.
  
- C. RCRC will provide input based on its knowledge of California's rural counties, their populations and resources, as well as their experience prior to the passage of DIVCA whereby local governments licensed cable franchises. RCRC's member counties are interested in creating equal access to robust, reliable, high-quality telecommunication services for all Californians.

#### **IV. Notice**

Service of notices, orders, and other correspondence in this proceeding should be directed to RCRC at the address set forth below:

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#### **V. Conclusion**

RCRC's participation in this proceeding will not prejudice any party and will not delay the schedule or broaden the scope of the issues in the proceeding. For the reasons stated above, RCRC respectfully requests that the CPUC grant this Motion for Party Status filing.

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Respectfully submitted,

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