



**California Public Utilities Commission  
Public Participation Hearings  
Verizon Acquisition of Frontier Communications  
Application 24-10-006  
Outline of Talking Points**

Succinct <2 Minutes in Your Own Words – CPUC Sets Time Limit at Beginning of PPH  
Also Can Submit Comments on the Docket (See Below for Instructions)

- **State Your Name and Organization**
- **Describe Briefly (1-3 Sentences) Your Experience in Closing the Digital Divide in Your Community or Region (why and how you have first-hand knowledge of the needs of your residents).**
- **State That You Have Read the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) Testimony Submitted on May 1 and Strongly Support the Recommendations for the following reasons** (please read the Testimony before attending PPH or submitting Comments on the Docket). Tailor your remarks to your experience so that your statements are unique to your organization but with a common theme of urging the CPUC to order Verizon to invest in Public Benefits as set forth by CETF.
  - CETF is our long-time partner whose integrity can be relied upon for accurate data for both Deployment and Adoption.
  - [Name of Your Organization] urges the Commission to order Verizon to:
    - (a) invest in the infrastructure projects identified in the CETF testimony; and
    - (b) commit the amount of funding for Digital Inclusion as outlined by CETF in the testimony. It is a very reasonable Public Benefits package.
  - The Public Benefits and implementation approaches set forth by CETF will be the most cost-effective and efficient way to accelerate Deployment and Adoption in California. We can rely upon CETF to work with us and all stakeholders, focus on getting the job done, and paying partners on time.

## **Additional Points to Help Inform Your Remarks In Your Own Words**

- The California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) is our trusted statewide partner who provides support and expertise for our work in our community and region, both on Deployment and Adoption strategies.
- CETF has more experience than any other organization in the nation in engaging and collaborating with community-based organizations (CBOs), Regional Broadband Consortia, and other stakeholders to get low-income households online and to become proficient in digital literacy.
- CETF coordinated with Verizon and Frontier to meet with all the Regional Broadband Consortia, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), to LISTEN and compile a comprehensive inventory of Deployment Projects that Verizon and Frontier should be required to complete as a condition of this acquisition. And, the total amount is a reasonable Public Benefit for the enhanced competitive advantage the Verizon gains in this transaction.
- CETF also is the leading champion on Internet Affordability with extensive experience in reaching low-income households and getting them online. The collective experience between all of us CBOs (RBCs/MPOs) and CETF who have worked together for years far exceeds what any corporation has accomplished and can be relied upon by the CPUC staff and Commission.
- CETF has developed and manages a statewide Digital Equity Ecosystem that provides vital support to those of us on the ground in our communities so that each of us can focus on outreach in-language and in-culture without having to duplicate functions that are best coordinated centrally by an agile non-profit organization.
- [Name of Your Organization] have been partners in implementing the Public Benefits Memorandum of Understanding between CETF and other ISPs and we know the impact of those investments in our community.
- While CETF is disciplined, focused on results, and pays only for performance, they also are true partners who support and coach partners to success, and THEY PAY ON TIME each month. Partnering with CETF is an excellent opportunity to work effectively and efficiently.

## CPUC PPHs for Verizon-Frontier Proceeding: 6 In-Person; 2 Videoconference – 2PM and 6PM

Testify In Person and Participate in at least 1 Videoconference Hearing

<b>May 29 Palm Desert</b>	<b>June 24 Susanville</b>
<b>June 11 Santa Barbara</b>	<b>June 30 Long Beach</b>
<b>June 16 Videoconference</b>	<b>July 7 Sacramento</b>
<b>June 18 Eureka</b>	<b>July 15 Videoconference</b>

The PPHs will be led by the assigned Commissioner and assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). Other Commissioners, Commissioner staff, and ALJs may also attend. Based on the number of speakers wishing to provide comments, the ALJ may limit speakers' time so that all speakers have an opportunity to comment, and to conduct an efficient, respectful hearing. Public Participants should plan to speak for just 2 minutes—you can be powerful and impactful while also being concise. It is appreciated and remembered by the Commissioners and ALJs.

### Goal

Recruit 3 organizations to speak at each in-person Hearing.

Recruit 10 organizations to speak at each videoconference Hearing.

Secure >25 Comments on the Docket.

(As a Legal Party to the Proceeding, CETF staff and Directors cannot speak in PPHs, but may attend).

**Steps to Submit Your Organization Comments on the Docket via the Online Form as well:***The format is only for comments on proceedings from members of the public. Parties to a proceeding must still formally file comments.*

1. Search A proceeding on the CPUC's [Docket Card](#)

(<https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:1:0>)

2. Type proceeding number **A2410006** in the search box

3. Click the "Search" button

4. Click the appropriate proceeding for which you want to comment

5. Click the "Public Comments" tab on the top navigation bar

6. Click the "Add Public Comment" button

7. Complete the mandatory fields in the submission box

8. Click the "Submit" button

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### Guidelines for Submitting Comments via Online Form:

- There is a 4,000 word/2-page limit for each comment.
- When a comment is received, it becomes public record and will be made available to the public on the CPUC's website. However, there is an option to make your comment private.
- You must include your first name, last name, city, state, zip code, and email address. This information, excluding your email address, will be publicly displayed on the
- CPUC's website with your comment unless you chose to make your comment private.

Parties to CPUC proceedings may, but are not required to, respond to written comments received from the public (see Public Utilities Code [section 1701.1\(g\)](#)). Parties may do so by posting such response using the "Add Public Comment" button on the "Public Comment" tab of the docket card for the proceeding.

The screenshots illustrate the steps for submitting a public comment. The first image shows the search interface where the proceeding number 'A2410006' is entered. The second image shows the search results for 'A2410006 ACTIVE'. The third image shows the 'Public Comments' tab selected on the navigation bar. The fourth image shows the 'Add Public Comment' button. The fifth image shows the comment submission form with fields for Name, Email, and Comment.