

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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TO: PERSONS INTERESTED IN DISCOVERY PRACTICE  
AT THE COMMISSION:

The Commission's 1999-2000 Business Plan states that the Commission plans to propose a comprehensive set of discovery rules. The plan states that in "addition to codifying and revising existing law and motion practice, the Commission will review confidentiality issues, the timing of discovery, and sanctions, and propose new discovery rules."

Attached is a conceptual discussion of proposed changes or additions to the Commission's discovery rules applicable in formal Commission proceedings. Persons may comment in writing no later than July 6, 2000, on the scope of the issues and whether they are sufficiently inclusive. We also plan to hold a workshop commencing at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2000, in the Commission's Hearing Room at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, where interested persons would have a further opportunity to discuss their views on these issues and hear the concerns of others. Following the workshop, interested persons will have the opportunity to submit further comments in light of the initial comments and discussion at the workshop.

At present, there is no formal docket for this matter. However, this memo and the attached document are being served on the service list of Rulemaking (R.) 99-11-021, the Commission's rulemaking revising the settlement rules, and will be posted on the Commission's web site. Persons are requested to serve their comments on the above-referenced service list, as well as on Commissioner Duque and Administrative Law Judge Econome.

Thank you. We look forward to your participation on this issue.

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Henry M. Duque  
Commissioner

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Janet A. Econome  
Administrative Law Judge

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