

California High Cost Fund—A Administrative Committee

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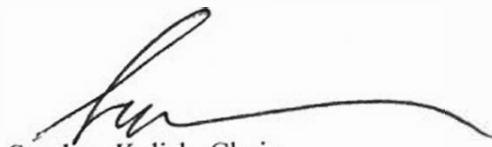
This Annual Report for fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 is submitted to the CPUC by the CHCF-A Administrative Committee (AC) in compliance with CPUC § 273(b). Included in this Report are FY financial balance, Small ILEC access lines counts, and a link to the approved minutes of the four AC meetings held in FY 2018-19.

Of note, as recorded in the minutes,¹ the AC elected to prepare draft comments for the Commission on the "Broadband Internet and Wireline Voice Competition Study in Service Territories of the Small Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers" prepared by Mission Consulting, LLC. As part of this process, the AC hosted a well-attended presentation by the Small ILECs. Subsequently, after the end of the fiscal year, the AC did not file comments in the R1111-007 Proceeding.

And in June of 2019, Stanley Lee, the senior member of the AC, tendered his resignation, and Michael Coen, longtime staff liaison to the AC, retired from the CPUC. Their decades of dedicated public service are much appreciated.

The A-Fund balance as of 6/30/2019 was \$25,080,044.98.²

The Fiscal Year end number of access lines for the Small ILEC's drawing from the CHCF-A fund was 49,535.³ This represents an ongoing decline in active wirelines in the Small ILEC service territories—down 13.1% in the past eight years.⁴



Stephen Kalish, Chair

¹ CHCF-A AC minutes for meetings of 11/15/2018, 2/12/2019, 5/14/2019. Approved AC minutes are available for review on the committee's webpage at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=995>

² Provided by the AC's CD staff liaison. See also page 6 of budget resolution T-17665.

³ CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION Total Number of Working Lines (traditional telephone service) from 25 Carriers Reporting Under General Order 133-D in California for June 2019. Available at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=1107>

⁴ 2011 CHCF-AAC Annual Report, page 3, for number of active access lines in 2011.