FAQS – FOR VIDEO JUDICIAL HEARINGS

These questions will answer questions regarding Joining a hearing/meeting, WebEx software, technical requirements and those that are procedural in regards to the hearing.

Joining a hearing/meeting:

- 1. I do not have access to WebEx, WebFile or email invite. How do I join a meeting?
 - a. The Commission will send you a paper copy of the hearing notice, which will contain the link address to the hearing.
 - i. Type that link address into your computer browser. This should link you to the hearing.
 - b. Also see Technical Requirements in this document.
- 2. How will I join the meeting?
 - a. I have received an Email invitation:
 - i. By clicking the Green "Join meeting" button in the calendar event or in the email.
 - b. I have access to the Commission's WebFile:
 - i. Use the clickable link in the hearing notice (PDF).
 - c. I only received a paper hearing notice:
 - i. Type the link address printed in the Hearing notice into your computer web browser.
- 3. I do not have video capabilities on my computer. Can I still have/attend a virtual hearing?
 - a. You are required to have video capabilities in order to have a virtual hearing with the Commission.
 - b. A mobile device (phone or tablet) with video capabilities can be used in place of a computer.
 - i. You will need to download the WebEx meetings app from your appropriate app store (Google Play, Apple's App store...).

WebEx:

- 1. How do I know if WebEx will work on my mobile device, laptop or computer?
 - a. We recommend you conduct the WebEx test. Click the link here and enter your name and email address and click join. The test meeting will take a few seconds to pop up.
 - b. See the WebEx System Requirements document as well
- Do I need a WebEx App to participate using a mobile device?
 - a. Yes, you will need to download the app from your device's app store.
- 3. Do I need to have a WebEx account?
 - a. No, you do not need to have a WebEx account?

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Technical Requirements:

- From https://vwc.webex.com users can Download the Cisco Webex Meetings Desktop App, use the Cisco Webex Meetings Web App, or Download the Cisco Webex Meetings Mobile App from the App Store or Google Play.
- 2. Equipment Requirements:
 - a. You will need a smart phone, tablet or personal computer with access to the internet.
 - b. Smart phones and tablets should download the WebEx meeting app from their app store
 - c. All Participants should "test" their equipment prior to the hearing by going to this link and following the instructions:
 - i. https://www.webex.com/test-meeting.html
- 3. Are there any web browser restrictions?
 - a. No, as long as you are using an up to date browser and operating system with a reliable high-speed internet connection.
 - b. See the WebEx System Requirements document as well
- 4. What is considered a reliable high-speed internet connection?
 - We recommend a minimum of 5 Mbps download and 5 Mbps upload. You can test your internet speed by clicking the link <u>here</u> (or type <u>Https://www.Speedtest.net</u> into your browser)
- 5. Deputy Commissioners have broad discretion to continue or cancel the hearing if attendees cannot meet the minimum technical requirement for participants.

Hearing/Procedural:

Answers to the following questions are based on the Order issued 4/6/2020; <u>Click here</u> to view the entire order.

- 1. If I do not want my hearing to be conducted by video, what are my options?
 - a. Objections to a Video Hearing must be filed with the Commission and copied to the parties within 7 calendar days of issuance of the hearing notice.
 - b. On-the-record (OTR) hearings may be an alternative option.
- 2. Can new evidence or exhibits be presented at the hearing?
 - a. All medical designations and exhibits will need to be filed 7 calendar days in advance of the hearing.
 - b. Objections/responses to the above are due no later than 4 days in advance of the hearing.
- 3. How do I bring a witness to the hearing?

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- a. Forwarding of the hearing notice, invite or link of the video hearing to the witness will allow them access to the hearing.
- b. Failure to supply a witness with the link/invite will not be grounds for a continuance.
- c. Any document about which a witness will testify must be sent to the witness prior to the hearing. Failure to supply a witness with the relevant documents may result in exclusion of the witness's testimony regarding those documents.
- d. Witnesses must aver prior to their testimony that they shall not receive any assistance from any source while testifying.
- 4. Can I record the hearing?
 - a. No, recording of the hearing is prohibited, except upon advance leave granted by the Deputy Commissioner
 - b. The Commission's recording of the hearing is the sole official record of the hearing.
- 5. How should I present myself at the video hearing?
 - a. Parties and witnesses attending a video hearing are attending a formal judicial proceeding and must dress appropriately just as if personally appearing in court.
 - b. All attendees must participate from a quiet location free of distractions.
- 6. During the hearing can I have a private conversation?
 - a. Between Participants:
 - i. Make a request to the Hearing Deputy. You will be placed in a private area (the "Lobby") where you will need to use personal devices to communicate with each other.
 - b. Between Participants and the Deputy:
 - i. Make a request to the Hearing Deputy. You be placed in a private area (the "Lobby") where you will need to use personal devices to communicate with each other.
 - c. After an agreed upon time has ended, the Hearing Clerk will re-admit the parties into the hearing.