

Decision 14-01-019 January 16, 2014

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of Modifications to its SmartMeter™ Program and Increased Revenue Requirements to Recover the Costs of the Modifications (U39M).

Application 11-03-014
(Filed March 24, 2011)

And Related Matters.

Application 11-03-015
Application 11-07-020

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in these proceedings to April 7, 2014.

Background

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a)¹ provides that ratesetting cases must be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days. In these proceedings, the 18-month deadline for resolving Phase 2 of these proceedings was December 8, 2013. The Commission has granted an extension

¹ All statutory references are to the Public Utilities Code unless otherwise indicated.

of the statutory deadline in Decision 13-12-010, which extended the statutory deadline until February 6, 2014.

The issues in these proceedings are complex and additional time is needed to review and resolve the issues. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until April 7, 2014, is necessary.

Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment on an extension order issued pursuant to § 1701.5(a) is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Michael R. Peevey is the assigned Commissioner and Amy C. Yip-Kikugawa is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in these proceedings.

Findings of Fact

1. On December 13, 2013, the Commission issued Decision 13-12-010 extending the statutory deadline to February 6, 2014.
2. The issues in this proceeding are complex and require additional time to resolve.

3. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline is necessary.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to April 7, 2014.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended to April 7, 2014.
2. Application (A.) 11-03-014, A.11-03-015 and A.11-07-020 remain open.

This order is effective today.

Dated January 16, 2014, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL R. PEEVEY

President

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