

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

United Energy Trading, LLC,	
	Complainant,
	vs.
Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E),	
	Defendant.

Case 14-01-006  
(Filed January 10, 2014)

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to January 10, 2016.

**1. Background**

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2(d) provides that adjudicatory cases shall be resolved within 12 months of the date that they are initiated unless the California Public Utilities Commission makes findings as to why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. This matter has been categorized as adjudicatory and the Commission with Decision (D.) 15-01-013 extended the 12-month statutory deadline for resolving this proceeding to July 10, 2015.

On January 10, 2014, United Energy Trading, LLC (UET) filed this complaint against Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), alleging that PG&E's billing and remittance practices violate Gas Rules 11 and 23 when dealing with delinquent accounts.

Prehearing conferences were held on June 2, 2014, and December 8, 2014. The complaint was amended on June 20, 2014, and parties have been actively involved in the proceeding. On December 9, 2014, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a ruling memorializing several procedural rulings made on the December 8, 2014 prehearing conference, such as suspending the discovery to January 5, 2015, and ordering the parties to supplement the record with a statement of proposed scope by January 30, 2015. On April 7, 2015, the assigned Commissioner issued a scoping memo that limited the scope of the proceeding to a determination of whether PG&E owed money to UET and, if so, how much. The scoping memo scheduled evidentiary hearings for the week of June 15, 2015. Following issuance of the scoping memo, the parties filed conflicting discovery motions which were assigned for resolution to ALJ Melanie Darling, the Commission's Law and Motion Judge. On May 12, 2015, PG&E moved for a six week delay in the start of evidentiary hearings because of a conflict between the originally scheduled hearing dates and hearings in another matter set for the same week.

Therefore, an extension of the statutory deadline to January 10, 2016, is needed to allow adequate time for Judge Darling to rule on existing discovery motions, to set new dates for evidentiary hearings and to hold evidentiary hearings.

**2. 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 on proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving adjudicatory proceedings. Accordingly, pursuant to this rule, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is waived.

**3. Assignment of Proceeding**

Michel Peter Florio is the assigned Commissioner and Karl J. Bemederfer is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

**Findings of Fact**

1. The Commission with D.15-01-013 extended the 12-month statutory deadline for resolving this proceeding to July 10, 2015.
2. An extension of time until January 10, 2016, is necessary to allow adequate time for Judge Darling to rule on existing discovery motions, to set new dates for evidentiary hearings and to hold evidentiary hearings.

**Conclusions of Law**

1. The deadline for resolving this proceeding should be extended until January 10, 2016.
2. This matter should be effective immediately.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the time for completion of this complaint case is extended until January 10, 2016.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, at San Francisco, California.