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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking
Regarding Emergency Disaster Relief
Program.

Rulemaking 18-03-011

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to March 21, 2021.

1. Background

Based on the filing date of this Rulemaking, Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that quasi-legislative cases shall be resolved within 18 months of the date the proceeding is initiated, unless the Commission makes a written determination that the deadline cannot be met, including findings as to the reason and issues an order extending the deadline.

This decision extends the statutory deadline of this proceeding to March 21, 2021.

This proceeding concerns continuity of essential functions in times of crisis. Development and maintenance of continuity capabilities helps build and sustain a more resilient approach that will sustain essential functions, deliver critical services, and supply core capabilities under all conditions. The Commission stated in Decision (D.) 19-08-025 that during disasters, when people

are rushing out of a threatened area or having to communicate with 9-1-1 centers, the communication link is critical for life-saving operations. In D.19-08-025, we determined that a Phase II is necessary in this proceeding to focus on having a resilient and dependable communications grid that aids first responders and communicates with the public in a timely manner. California's communications system is our most essential component of public safety, and Phase II, as determined by the Commission in D.19-08-025, will focus on enhancing communication from this public safety component.

This Rulemaking also expects to consider and adopt permanent relief measures for California LifeLine participants affected by disaster.

An extension of time beyond the current statutory deadline of September 19, 2019 is necessary for the Commission to adequately resolve the issues stated herein. Therefore, the statutory deadline of this proceeding is extended until March 21, 2021.

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 of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving quasi-legislative proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Marybel Batjer is the assigned Commissioner and Colin Rizzo is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. This Rulemaking was filed on March 22, 2018.
2. The statutory deadline for this proceeding is September 21, 2019.

3. An extension of the statutory deadline is necessary (1) to complete Phase II of this proceeding, pursuant to Decision 19-08-025, which will focus on having a resilient and dependable communications grid that aids first responders and communicates with the public in a timely manner during emergencies; and (2) adopt permanent relief measures for California LifeLine participants affected by disaster.

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 March 21, 2021.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until March 21, 2021.
2. Rulemaking 18-03-011 remains open.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at Los Angeles, California.