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

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Recovery of 2011-2014 Gas Transmission and Storage Capital Expenditures Reviewed and Certified by the Safety and Enforcement Division. (U39G.)

Application 20-07-020

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to July 30, 2022.

**1. Background**

Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) Section 1701.5(a) provides that the Commission shall resolve the issues raised in the scoping memo of a ratesetting proceeding within 18 months of the date the proceeding is initiated, unless the Commission makes a written determination that the deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. The statutory deadline for resolving this application is January 30, 2022.

On July 31, 2020, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed this application for recovery of 2011-2014 Gas Transmission and Storage Capital Expenditures reviewed and certified by the Safety and Enforcement Division. Protests were filed on September 3, 2020, by The Utility Reform Network and the

Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission. PG&E filed its reply on September 14, 2020.

A prehearing conference (PHC) was held on September 29, 2020, to discuss the issues of law and fact and to determine the need for hearing and schedule for resolving the matter. The assigned Commissioner issued the Scoping Memo and Ruling on October 16, 2020.

On July 7, 2021, an All-Party Motion for Approval of a Settlement Agreement was filed. On December 3, 2021, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a ruling (December 2021 Ruling) directing the settling parties to answer questions raised in the Scoping Memo by January 10, 2022.

Therefore, an extension of the statutory deadline until July 30, 2022, is necessary to allow settling parties to respond to questions in the ALJ's December 2021 Ruling and to allow the assigned ALJ enough time to review the responses and prepare a proposed decision for public review and comments.

## **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 the proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

## **3. Assignment of Proceeding**

Martha Guzman Aceves is the assigned Commissioner and Elaine Lau is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

## **Findings of Fact**

1. This application was filed by PG&E on July 31, 2020.
2. A PHC was held on September 29, 2020.

3. On October 16, 2020, the Scoping Memo and Ruling was issued.

4. On July 7, 2021, an All-Party Motion for Approval of a Settlement Agreement was filed.

5. On December 3, 2021, the assigned ALJ issued a ruling directing the settling parties to answer questions raised in the Scoping Memo by January 10, 2022.

6. An extension of the statutory deadline to July 30, 2022, is necessary to allow settling parties to respond to the questions in the ALJ's December 2021 Ruling and to allow the assigned ALJ enough time to review the responses and prepare a proposed decision for public review and comments.

**Conclusion of Law**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline in this proceeding should be extended to July 30, 2022.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until July 30, 2022.

This order is effective today.

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