

Decision 21-12-062 December 16, 2021

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39M) to Submit Its 2020 Risk Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report.

Application 20-06-012

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to March 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 the deadline. The 18-month statutory deadline for resolving this application is December 30, 2021.

On June 30, 2020, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed this application to submit its 2020 Risk Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report. On July 29, 2020, the Mussey Grade Road Alliance (Alliance) filed a protest to this application and on August 5, 2020, the Public Advocates Office of the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates) and The Utility Reform Network (TURN) also filed their protest. PG&E filed its reply on August 17, 2020.

A prehearing conference (PHC) was held on October 8, 2020, to determine the issues of law and fact, determine the need for hearing, set the schedule for resolving the matter and address other matters, as necessary.

The assigned Commissioner issued a Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo) on November 4, 2020. Parties have been actively involved in this proceeding and have filed several motions. The assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) has ruled on the motions timely. On September 14, 2021, the assigned ALJ issued a ruling requesting PG&E to submit additional information presenting a road map that identifies where in its General Rate Case testimonies the different Risk Assessment Mitigation Phase (RAMP) risks were incorporated.

Therefore, an extension of the statutory deadline to March 30, 2022, is necessary due to the complexity of the proceeding and the need to coordinate with PG&E's Test Year 2023 GRC proceeding which was filed in June of 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 ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Clifford Rechtschaffen is the assigned Commissioner and Rafael L. Lirag is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. PG&E filed this application on June 30, 2020.
2. The statutory deadline for resolving the issues identified in the Scoping Memo is December 30, 2021.

3. A PHC was held on October 8, 2020.
4. The Scoping Memo was issued on November 4, 2020.
5. An extension of the statutory deadline to March 30, 2022, is necessary due to the complexity of the proceeding and the need to coordinate with PG&E's Test Year 2023 GRC proceeding which was filed in June of 2021.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to March 30, 2022.

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

This order is effective today.

Dated December 16, 2021, at San Francisco, California.

MARYBEL BATJER
President
MARTHA GUZMAN ACEVES
CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFFEN
GENEVIEVE SHIROMA
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Commissioners