

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

**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 June 30, 2024.

**1. Background**

Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Section 1701.5 provides that the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) shall resolve the issues raised in the scoping memo of a quasi-legislative 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 Rulemaking is June 21, 2023.

The Commission established Rulemaking 18-03-011 to adopt an emergency disaster relief program for customers of electric, natural gas, water and sewer, and communications providers under this Commission's jurisdiction. This proceeding resolved an array of issues and promulgated multiple decisions.

Here, the Commission requires more time to deliberate on matters identified by the Public Advocates Office of the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates), the wireline providers, and the wireless providers which have arisen through the Advice Letter process.

## **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**

Alice Reynolds is the assigned Commissioner and Colin Rizzo is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. The current statutory deadline for this proceeding is June 21, 2023.
2. An extension of the statutory deadline to June 30, 2024, is necessary to consider the issues raised between Cal Advocates, the wireline providers, and wireless providers through the Advice Letter process.

### **Conclusions of Law**

1. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.5, the statutory deadline should be extended to June 30, 2024.

**O R D E R**

**IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. The statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended to June 30, 2024.
2. Rulemaking 18-03-011 remains open.

This order is effective today.

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