

Decision 24-03-021 March 7, 2024

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

Application of Southern California Gas Company (U904G), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902G), and Southwest Gas Corporation (U905G) to Establish Hydrogen Blending Demonstration Projects.

Application 22-09-006

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding until September 26, 2025.

**1. Background**

On September 8, 2022, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), and Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) (collectively Joint Applicants) filed a joint application to establish hydrogen blending demonstration projects (Application). On March 3, 2023, the Assigned Commissioner’s Scoping Memorandum and Ruling stayed the schedule until the filing of an amended application. The amended application would include requirements set forth in Decision (D.) 22-12-057.

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5 (a) provides that ratesetting proceedings must be resolved within 18 months of initiation unless the Commission makes findings that this deadline cannot be met.

On December 6, 2023, the Joint Applicants and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) notified the assigned Administrative Law Judge that they intend to file the amended application by March 1, 2024. In order to ensure the Joint Applicants and PG&E have the necessary time to prepare and file the amended application, as proposed, and the Commission thereafter has adequate time to review and complete all necessary proceeding activities associated with that anticipated amended application, it is necessary to extend the statutory deadline to September 26, 2025.

## **2. Waiver of Comment Period**

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may waive the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment on a decision that extends the 18-month deadline set forth in Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5. Under the circumstances of this proceeding, it is appropriate to waive the 30-day period for public review and comment.

## **3. Assignment of Proceeding**

Darcie Houck is the assigned Commissioner and Zhen Zhang is the assigned Administrative Law Judge and the presiding officer in this proceeding

### **Findings of Fact**

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving Application 22-09-006 is March 8, 2024.
2. Application 22-09-006 cannot be completed by March 8, 2024.
3. An extension of the statutory deadline until September 26, 2025 is necessary to allow adequate time to complete this proceeding.

### **Conclusion of Law**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5, the statutory deadline should be extended to September 26, 2025.

**O R D E R**

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended until September 26, 2025.

This order is effective today.

Dated March 7, 2024, at San Francisco, California.

ALICE REYNOLDS  
President  
DARCIE L. HOUCK  
JOHN REYNOLDS  
KAREN DOUGLAS  
Commissioners

Commissioner Matthew Baker recused himself,  
and did not participate in the discussion and vote of this item.

/s/ MATTHEW BAKER  
Commissioner