

Decision 24-06-009 June 20, 2024

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 20, 2025.

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 30, 2024.

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 in the scope of this proceeding with 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. To do so, an extension of the statutory deadline to June 20, 2025, is necessary.

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

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 30, 2024.
2. An extension of the statutory deadline to June 20, 2025, is necessary to consider the issues raised between Cal Advocates, the wireline providers, and wireless providers through the Advice Letter process.

Conclusion 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 20, 2025.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended to June 20, 2025.
2. Rulemaking 18-03-011 remains open.

This order is effective today.

Dated June 20, 2024, at San Luis Obispo, California.

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

Commissioner Matthew Baker recused himself from this agenda item and was not part of the quorum in its consideration.