BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA


ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline of this proceeding to February 28, 2025.

1. **Background and Justification**

   Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util.) Code § 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.


Protests to the Application were filed by the Public Advocates Office of the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates), Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility (A4NR), and California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) on April 6, 2022. PG&E filed a response to the protests on April 18, 2022.

On June 9, 2022, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) held a prehearing conference. On August 9, 2022, Commissioner John Reynolds issued the Assigned Commissioner’s Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo).

On January 6, 2023, a status conference was held. The assigned ALJ amended the proceeding schedule to allow the parties time to file motions for confidential treatment, submit concurrent Opening and Reply Briefs, provide concurrent prepared and reply testimony, and hold evidentiary hearings. Additionally, the proceeding schedule was amended to facilitate an adequate timeline for the assigned ALJ to develop a proposed decision and to allow sufficient time for the Commission to deliberate and issue its decision.


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1 Scoping Memo at 2-3.
On September 27, 2023, an email ruling amended the procedural schedule and directed parties to serve the prepared testimony and reply testimony on Issue 8 by October 13, 2023, and October 27, 2023, respectively.

On November 9, 2023, an email ruling amending the procedural schedule set the filing dates for Opening Briefs and Reply Briefs on Issue 8 by December 7, 2023, and December 21, 2023, respectively.

On August 10, 2023, Decision (D.) 23-08-012 extended the statutory deadline for resolving the proceeding to February 28, 2024.

On February 15, 2024, D.24-02-023 extended the statutory deadline to August 31, 2024.

An extension of the statutory deadline to February 28, 2025, is necessary to allow the assigned ALJs to consider the record and publish a proposed decision and afford the Commission sufficient time to deliberate and to issue its final decision.

2. **Waiver of Comment Period**

   Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the 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 outlined in Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a). Under the circumstances of this case, it is appropriate to waive the 30-day period for public review and comment.

3. **Assignment of Proceeding**

   John Reynolds is the assigned Commissioner and Elaine Lau and Leah Goldberg are the assigned ALJs in this proceeding.

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2 Scoping Memo at 3-4.
Findings of Fact

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving A.22-02-015 is August 31, 2024.
2. A.22-02-015 cannot be completed by August 31, 2024.
3. An extension of the statutory deadline to February 28, 2025, is necessary to allow adequate time to resolve this proceeding.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to February 28, 2025.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended to February 28, 2025.

This order is effective today.

Dated August 1, 2024, at San Francisco, 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.