

Decision 24-12-046 December 19, 2024

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

<p>Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (U39E) for Review of the Disadvantaged Communities - Green Tariff, Community Solar Green Tariff and Green Tariff Shared Renewables Programs.</p>	<p>Application 22-05-022</p>
<p>And Related Matters.</p>	<p>Application 22-05-023 Application 22-05-024</p>

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding until January 1, 2026.

1. Background and Justification

In Decision (D.) 24-05-065 the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) established a new community renewable energy program and adopted modifications to existing Green Access Program tariffs. D.24-05-065 anticipated the need for additional record development to implement the new

community renewable energy program and the Green Access Program tariffs modification.¹

On June 5, 2024, the assigned Administrative Law Judge issued a ruling directing responses to questions regarding implementation of D.24-05-065. Responding parties filed comments on July 10, 2024 and reply comments on July 29, 2024.

As discussed in D.24-05-065, a central element of the new community renewable energy program is an anticipated grant award from the Environmental Protection Agency's Solar for All competition.² The Commission requires time beyond the current statutory deadline (January 1, 2025) to ascertain the final determination of the state's Solar for All application, develop further record based on any requirements and/or conditions associated with the anticipated Solar for All grant funding, and to consider appropriate implementation of D.24-05-065. An extension of the statutory deadline to January 1, 2026 is appropriate to allow sufficient time for the Commission to accomplish this goal.

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 deadline for resolving ratesetting or quasi-legislative proceedings pursuant to Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) Section 1701.5. Under the circumstances of this

¹ D.24-05-065 *Decision Modifying Green Access Program Tariffs and Adopting a Community Renewable Energy Program*, issued June 7, 2024 (D.24-05-065).

² D.24-05-065 at 118.

proceeding, it is appropriate to waive the 30-day period for public review and comment.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Alice Reynolds is the assigned Commissioner and Valerie U. Kao is the assigned Administrative Law Judge and Presiding Officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving Application 22-05-022 et al. is January 1, 2025.
2. Application 22-05-022 et al. cannot be completed by January 1, 2025.
3. An extension of the statutory deadline until January 1, 2026 is necessary to allow adequate time to complete this proceeding.

Conclusion of Law

1. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to January 1, 2026.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended until January 1, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated December 19, 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.