

Decision 25-01-016 January 16, 2025

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
California Resources Production
Corporation for a Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a
Gas Corporation in the State of California.

Application 23-07-008

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to July 31, 2025.

1. Background and Justification

Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) Section 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. The current statutory deadline for resolving this Proceeding is January 19, 2025.

The parties to the proceeding have identified pending related litigation in California state courts, as well as related local administrative proceedings. The Commission is considering a request to hold this proceeding in abeyance

pending resolution of the related judicial proceedings. Applicant has also informed the Commission that it may amend its application. Accordingly, the Commission requires additional time beyond the current statutory deadline to complete this proceeding. For these reasons, an extension of the statutory deadline until July 31, 2025, is necessary and appropriate.

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

Karen Douglas is the assigned Commissioner and Jeffrey Lee is the assigned Administrative Law Judge and the presiding officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving A.23-07-008 is January 19, 2025.
2. A.23-07-008 cannot be completed by January 19, 2025.
3. An extension of the statutory deadline until July 31, 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(a), the statutory deadline should be extended until July 31, 2025.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended until July 31, 2025.

This order is effective today.

Dated January 16, 2025, 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.