

Decision 25-07-023 July 24, 2025

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric
Company for Approval of Zonal
Electrification Pilot Project (U39G).

Application 22-08-003

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding until October 31, 2025.

1. Background

Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Section 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting proceedings shall be resolved within 18 months of the date the proceeding is initiated, unless the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) makes a written determination that the deadline cannot be met, including findings as to the reason, and issues an order extending the deadline. The current statutory deadline to resolve Application (A.) 22-08-003 is July 31, 2025.¹

¹ Decision (D.) 24-05-052 previously extended the statutory deadline in this proceeding to July 31, 2025.

On August 11, 2022, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E, or the applicant) filed this instant application requesting authorization for a zonal electrification project at Cal State University Monterey Bay (California State University (CSU) Monterey Bay).

Subsequent to the service of rebuttal testimony, PG&E filed a status update on May 5, 2020, and requested suspension in the proceeding schedule due to potential changes in factual issues. The assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) held a status conference on May 30, 2023, at which the applicant provided additional detail on the change in circumstances necessitating a pause in the proceeding schedule. At the status conference, parties were amenable to pausing the proceeding schedule to allow time for PG&E to finalize a new agreement with CSU Monterey Bay.

The scoping memo in this proceeding was issued on November 22, 2022.

The applicant filed additional status updates on October 13, 2023, December 29, 2023, and February 1, 2024.

An extension of the statutory deadline until October 31, 2025, is necessary to allow time for the Commission to deliberate and issue a decision resolving the issues scoped in this proceeding.

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 proceedings, pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 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

John Reynolds is the assigned Commissioner and Camille Watts-Zagha is the assigned ALJ and the presiding officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving A.22-08-003 is July 31, 2025.
2. A.22-08-003 cannot be completed by July 31, 2025.
3. An extension of the statutory deadline to October 31, 2025, is necessary to allow time for the Commission to deliberate and issue a decision resolving the issues scoped in this proceeding.

Conclusions 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 until October 31, 2025.

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

This order is effective today.

Dated July 24, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

ALICE REYNOLDS

President

JOHN REYNOLDS

KAREN DOUGLAS

DARCIE L. HOUCK

Commissioners

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