Decision 25-10-018 October 9, 2025

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

City of Rolling Hills,

Complainant,

VS.

Case 24-10-009

Southern California Gas Company (U904G),

Defendant.

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to February 27, 2026.

1. Background and Justification

Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code § 1701.2(i) provides that adjudicatory proceedings shall be resolved within 12 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 statutory deadline for this proceeding is October 11, 2025.

On October 11, 2024, the City of Rolling Hills (City) filed an expedited complaint with the Commission, which was converted to a regular formal

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complaint (Complaint). The Complaint alleges that on September 16, 2024, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) indefinitely discontinued gas service to 36 homes in the City of Rolling Hills (City). The City alleged that SoCalGas' service shut-off jeopardized the safety of residents in the affected homes and imposed significant costs, burdens, and risks on the City and the community at large.

On June 12, 2025, the assigned Commissioner issued a Scoping Memo and Ruling which categorized the proceeding as adjudicatory, determined that an evidentiary hearing was needed and established the scope and schedule of this proceeding.

On July 25, 2025, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a ruling granting the Joint Motion from SoCalGas and the City (collectively, the Parties) for a 60-day Continuance of the Currently Scheduled Proceeding Dates. The Continuance was granted to allow time for the Parties to engage in discussions regarding a potential stay of proceedings.

An extension of the Statutory Deadline until February 27, 2026 is necessary to allow the Parties adequate time to engage in settlement discussions.

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 on the proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving adjudicatory proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Karen Douglas is the assigned Commissioner and Robert M. Mason III is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

- 1. The complaint in this proceeding was filed by the City of Rolling Hills on October 11, 2024.
- 2. On July 25, 2025, the assigned ALJ granted a continuance to allow for settlement discussions.
 - 3. The current statutory deadline for his proceeding is October 11, 2025.
 - 4. This proceeding cannot be completed by October 11, 2025.
- 5. An extension of the statutory deadline to February 27, 2026 is appropriate to allow parties and the Commission to continue the settlement process.

Conclusion of Law

1. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(i), the statutory deadline in this proceeding should be extended to February 27, 2026.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended to February 27, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated October 9, 2025, at Bellflower, California.

ALICE REYNOLDS
President
DARCIE L. HOUCK
JOHN REYNOLDS
KAREN DOUGLAS
MATTHEW BAKER

Commissioners