

Decision 25-11-017 November 20, 2025

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Communities for a Better Environment
(CBE),

Complainant,

vs.

Southern California Gas Company
(U-904G),

Defendant.

Case 24-11-013

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding until May 27, 2026.

1. Background

Public Utilities Code (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 current statutory deadline for this proceeding is November 27, 2025.

On November 27, 2024, Communities for a Better Environment filed Complaint (C.) 24-11-013 against Southern California Gas Company for violating Decision 22-12-055.

The assigned Administrative Law Judge held a prehearing conference on April 3, 2025, to address the issues of law and fact, determine the need for hearing, set the schedule for resolving the matter, and address other matters as necessary.

An extension of the statutory deadline is necessary because the issues contained in C.24-11-013 overlap with those in a related proceeding, Application (A.) 25-06-011, in which Complainant is also a party. On September 29, 2025, the assigned Commissioner issued the Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo) in A.25-06-011, which set forth the issues in that proceeding. Since the Scoping Memo in A.25-06-011 recently came out and identifies issues that may affect C.24-11-013, it is necessary to extend the statutory deadline to May 27, 2026 to best determine the proper course of action for C.24-11-013.

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 extending the deadline for resolving adjudicatory proceedings set forth in Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2(i)). 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 Suman Mathews is the assigned Administrative Law Judge and the presiding officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. C.24-11-013 was filed on November 27, 2024.
2. The current statutory deadline for C.24-11-013 is November 27, 2025.
3. C.24-11-013 cannot be completed by November 27, 2025.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline until May 27, 2026, is necessary to allow adequate time to issue a final decision.

Conclusion of Law

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

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of C.24-11-013 is extended until May 27, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated November 20, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

ALICE REYNOLDS

President

DARCIE L. HOUCK

JOHN REYNOLDS

MATTHEW BAKER

KAREN DOUGLAS

Commissioners