

Decision 26-01-010 January 15, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of LS Power Grid California, LLC (U-247E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing Construction of the Collinsville 500/230 kV Substation Project.

Application 24-07-018

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding until February 28, 2027.

1. Background

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 30, 2026.

On July 30, 2024, the applicant, LS Power Grid California LLC, filed Application (A.) 24-07-018 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

(CPCN) Authorizing Construction of the Collinsville 500/230 kV Substation Project.

The draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was released for public review on November 4, 2025. Written comments on the DEIR were submitted on or before December 19, 2025. The California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) staff needs adequate time to review the comments and prepare the final CEQA documents. Once the final CEQA documents are prepared, the Commission will begin its CPCN review in the formal proceeding which will require a number of months, which will likely include service of testimony, other law and motions and an evidentiary hearing followed by briefs and the preparation of a proposed decision. Consequently, the statutory deadline for A.24-07-018 should be extended to February 28, 2027.

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

Matthew Baker is the assigned Commissioner and Robert Haga is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. A.24-07-018 was filed on July 30, 2024.

2. The current statutory deadline for A.24-07-018 is January 30, 2026.
3. A.24-07-018 cannot be completed by January 30, 2026.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline for A.24-07-018 to February 28, 2027

is necessary to allow adequate time to complete 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 for this proceeding should be extended until February 28, 2027.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended until February 28, 2027.

This order is effective today.

Dated January 15, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

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