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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Alessia Ucelli,

Complainant,

vs.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
(U39E),

Defendant.

Case 24-07-012

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to August 31, 2026.

1. Background and Justification

Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Section 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 February 27, 2026.

On July 19, 2024, Alessia Ucelli (Complainant) filed a complaint alleging that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has thus far failed to connect her property in Carmel, California to gas and electric service for almost two years. Complainant requests that PG&E be ordered to take steps to expeditiously connect the property to service. Notably, the complaint was filed as a formal complaint, with Complainant represented by an attorney. On August 5, 2024, Instructions to Answer were sent to PG&E, categorizing the proceeding as an expedited complaint hearing (ECP). On August 21, 2024, an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) ruling was issued, changing the proceeding to a formal complaint and scheduling a prehearing conference (PHC). The PHC was held on September 18, 2024 to discuss the scope, schedule, and other procedural matters. The Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Ruling was issued on November 1, 2024.

On November 14, 2024, ALJ Lena Afary was assigned to this proceeding to handle the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) issues as the Neutral ALJ.

The parties are currently participating in the Commission's ADR Program, and additional time is needed to complete that process. The statutory deadline in this proceeding is therefore extended to August 31, 2026.

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

John Reynolds is the assigned Commissioner and Garrett Toy is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The complaint in this proceeding was filed by Alessia Ucelli on July 19, 2024.
2. On August 21, 2024, this proceeding was changed from an ECP to a formal Complaint.
3. On August 11, 2024, this proceeding entered the ADR process.
4. The current statutory deadline for this proceeding is February 27, 2026.
5. This proceeding cannot be completed by February 27, 2026.
6. An extension of the statutory deadline to August 31, 2026 is appropriate to allow parties and the Commission to continue the ADR process.

Conclusion of Law

1. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.2(i), the statutory deadline in this proceeding should be extended to August 31, 2026.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended to August 31, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at Sacramento, California.