

Decision 26-01-014 January 15, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to
Continue Implementation and
Administration, and Consider Further
Development, of California
Renewables Portfolio Standard
Program.

Rulemaking 24-01-017

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding until January 25, 2028.

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 25, 2026.

The Commission issued Rulemaking (R.) 24-01-017 on January 25, 2024 to continue implementation and administration of the California renewables portfolio standard (RPS) program.

On April 4, 2024, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) held a prehearing conference 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.

On May 9, 2024, the assigned Commissioner issued a scoping memo and ruling (Scoping Memo) which set forth the issues, need for evidentiary hearing, schedule, and other necessary matters.

On September 26, 2025, ALJ Darryl J Gruen was reassigned to R.24-01-017, replacing ALJ Rajan Mutialu; ALJ Nilgun Atamturk remained co-assigned.

An extension of the statutory deadline to January 25, 2028 is necessary to provide sufficient time to complete the work listed in the Scoping Memo, including the review and approval of 2026 and 2027 Renewables Portfolio Standard Procurement Plans and other matters that may arise related to the RPS program. Extending the statutory deadline to January 25, 2028, will be administratively more efficient, because (1) this proceeding provides a home for all the elements of the ongoing administration of the RPS program that require action in formal Commission proceeding; and (2) many elements of the RPS program such as review and approval of RPS plans are continuous.

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 Nilgun Atamturk and Darryl J. Gruen are the assigned ALJs in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. R.24-01-017 was issued on January 25, 2024.
2. The current statutory deadline for R.24-01-017 is January 25, 2026.
3. R.24-01-017 cannot be completed by January 25, 2026.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline for R.24-01-017 to January 25, 2028,

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 January 25, 2028.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended until January 25, 2028.

This order is effective today.

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

ALICE REYNOLDS
President
DARCIE L. HOUCK

JOHN REYNOLDS
KAREN DOUGLAS
MATTHEW BAKER
Commissioners