

Decision 26-01-011 January 15, 2026

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39G) for Approval of Peak Day Supply Standard Pursuant to Decision 23-11-069.

Application 24-07-020

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding until June 12, 2026.

**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 31, 2026.

On July 31, 2024, the applicant, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), filed Application (A.) 24-07-020 for approval of PG&E's updated Peak Day Supply Standard Analysis pursuant to Decision (D.) 23-11-069.

PG&E's application in this proceeding was one of two applications that PG&E was ordered to make by the Commission in D.23-11-069, the decision in PG&E's most recent General Rate Case. The other proceeding that D.23-11-069 ordered PG&E to make was A.24-05-004, which was recently resolved by the issuance of D.25-10-042 on October 30, 2025. Because A.24-05-004 involved an important safety concern – new curtailment procedures for PG&E's gas deliveries – and its statutory deadline was shorter than in this proceeding due to a one-year extension of time granted to PG&E by the Executive Director, A.24-05-004 was given priority attention over this proceeding, A.24-07-020.

A.24-07-020 was immediately opposed by The Utility Reform Network (TURN) on September 3, 2024. TURN's objection was a detailed, technical criticism of the way PG&E had recalculated its projections of the peak day demand for natural gas during the three winter seasons 2024/2025 through 2026/2027. Rather than conduct a lengthy evidentiary hearing in which only expert testimony would be presented, PG&E and TURN decided to negotiate a settlement agreement that would cover the three winters seasons in question as well as the parameters for how they would resolve any disputes that might arise between them concerning how to calculate peak demand for winter seasons following 2026/2027.

A proposed decision addressing the merits of the settlement agreement and resolving this proceeding in its entirety is anticipated for early 2026. An extension of the statutory deadline until June 12, 2026, is necessary and

appropriate to allow sufficient time to issue the proposed decision for public review and comments, and allow the Commission time to issue its final decision.

## **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**

Karen Douglas is the assigned Commissioner and Charles Ferguson is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

## **Findings of Fact**

1. A.24-07-020 was filed on July 31, 2024.
2. The current statutory deadline for A.24-07-020 is January 31, 2026.
3. A.24-07-020 cannot be completed by January 31, 2026.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline for this proceeding to June 12, 2026 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 June 12, 2026.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended until June 12, 2026.

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