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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding
Broadband Infrastructure Deployment and
to Support Service Providers in the State of
California.

Rulemaking 20-09-001

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to October 12, 2026.

1. Background and Justification

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 quasi-legislative 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 that deadline. The current statutory deadline for completion of Rulemaking (R.) 20-09-001 is February 11, 2026.

On September 10, 2020, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission), on its own motion, opened R.20-09-001 to set the strategic

direction and changes necessary to deploy expeditiously reliable, fast, and affordable broadband Internet access services that connect all Californians.

On July 24, 2025, Decision (D.) 25-07-024 extended the deadline for R.20-09-001 to February 11, 2026.

An additional extension of time is necessary to adequately resolve the issues in this proceeding. Consequently, the statutory deadline for R.20-09-001 should be extended to October 12, 2026.

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 or quasi-legislative 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

Alice Reynolds is the assigned Commissioner and Thomas J. Glegola is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. R.20-09-001 was issued on September 10, 2020.
2. D.25-07-024 extended the statutory deadline for R.20-09-001 to February 11, 2026.
3. R.20-09-001 cannot be completed by February 11, 2026.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline to October 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 1701.2(i), the statutory deadline should be extended to October 12, 2026.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended to October 12, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at Sacramento, California.