

Decision 26-01-013 January 15, 2026

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

Application of Pacific Bell Telephone  
Company D/B/A AT&T California  
(U1001C) to Relinquish its Eligible  
Telecommunications Carrier  
Designation.

Application 23-03-002

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to October 2, 2026.

**1. Background**

Public Utilities (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 that deadline.

On March 3, 2023, Pacific Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T California filed Application (A.) 23-03-002 to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications

Carrier Designation in California. The current statutory deadline for this proceeding is February 2, 2026.

On December 4, 2025, the Commission adopted Decision 25-12-004, which, in part, denied AT&T California's Application and created a Phase 2 to investigate AT&T California wire center regions currently served by Cox California Telecom, LLC and Time Warner Cable Information Services in Los Angeles Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Riverside, Ventura, and Kern Counties, as well as wire center regions currently served by ConnectTo Communications, Inc.

An extension of the statutory deadline until October 2, 2026, is necessary to allow adequate time for the Commission to address Phase 2 of the proceeding. Consequently, the statutory deadline for A.23-03-002 should be extended to October 2, 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 extending the deadline for resolving the issues raised in the scoping memo in a ratesetting proceeding set forth in Public Utilities 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 Thomas J. Glegola is the assigned Administrative Law Judge and the presiding officer in this proceeding.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. A.23-03-002 was filed on March 3, 2023.
2. The current statutory deadline for completion of A.23-03-002 is February 2, 2026.
3. A.23-03-002 cannot be completed by February 2, 2026.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline to October 2, 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 § 1701.50(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to October 2, 2026.
2. The 30-day period for review and comment on this Order is waived.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline for completion of this consolidated proceeding is extended to October 2, 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