

Decision 26-02-014 February 5, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to
Address Biomethane Procurement
Cost Allocation.

Rulemaking 22-12-011

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline for this proceeding until July 31, 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 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 the deadline. The current statutory deadline for completion of Rulemaking (R.) 22-12-011 is February 27, 2026.

On December 15, 2022, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) opened R.22-12-011 to consider cost allocation for biomethane procurement, pursuant to Decision (D.) 22-02-025, which established biomethane

procurement targets to reduce short-lived climate pollutant emissions. This rulemaking will consider, among other matters, how to allocate biomethane procurements costs between core and noncore customer classes.

D.24-11-015 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding until March 31, 2025.

D.25-03-013 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding until February 27, 2026. In 2025, additional rulings and party comments continued to build the record. Therefore, an extension of the statutory deadline until July 31, 2026, is appropriate to allow sufficient time for the Commission to consider the record, issue a proposed decision, and finalize that decision.

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 of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Darcie L. Houck is the assigned Commissioner and Maria Sotero is the assigned ALJ in these proceedings.

Findings of Fact

1. On December 15, 2022, the Commission opened this OIR.
2. D.24-11-015 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding until March 31, 2025.

3. D.25-03-013 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding until February 27, 2026.

4. This proceeding cannot be completed by February 27, 2026.

5. An extension of the statutory deadline until July 31, 2026, is necessary to complete this proceeding.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended until July 31, 2026.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in these proceedings is extended until July 31, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated February 5, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

ALICE REYNOLDS

President

DARCIE L. HOUCK

JOHN REYNOLDS

KAREN DOUGLAS

Commissioners

Commissioner Matthew Baker recused himself from this agenda item and was not part of the quorum in its consideration.