

Decision 26-02-019 February 5, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Charles Richardson and Channa
Richardson,

Complainants,

vs.

Case 24-09-006

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
(U-39E),

Defendant.

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline for completion of Case 24-09-006 until April 10, 2026.

1. Background

Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) Section 1701.2(i) provides that adjudicatory proceedings shall be resolved within 12 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 this proceeding is February 16, 2026.

On September 3, 2024, Charles Richardson and Channa Richardson (Complainants) filed Complaint (C.) 24-09-006. The complaint alleges that in January and February 2024, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or Defendant) violated Public Utilities Code section 702 and Rule 35 of Commission General Order 95. The circumstances giving rise to complaint involve electrical utility work conducted by, or on behalf of, PG&E on land owned by Complainants.

An Instruction to Answer was issued on October 4, 2024. Defendant filed an answer to the complaint on September 3, 2024, denying the allegations. A prehearing conference was held on November 7, 2024, 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 November 21, 2024, the assigned Commissioner issued a Scoping Memo and Ruling setting forth the issues, need for hearing and schedule for this proceeding.

Evidentiary hearings were held March 10-12, 2025. Closing briefs were due from the parties April 28, May 23, and June 6, 2025. Due to a procedural issue, PG&E's closing brief was not docketed until July 2, 2025. The administrative record closed on July 8, 2025.

PG&E's exhibits, submitted electronically prior to the hearing and received in evidence at the hearing, were deleted from the Commission's records due to a technical error. PG&E resubmitted the exhibits on August 18, 2025. The parties

were also directed to submitted hardcopy of all hearing exhibits. Those documents were received by the assigned ALJ in early September 2025.

On August 14, 2025, Decision (D.) 25-08-019 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding to October 31, 2025. On October 9, 2025, D.25-10-017 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding to February 16, 2026.

The drafting of the proposed decision was delayed due to the issues related to exhibits. Therefore, it is appropriate to extend the statutory deadline in this proceeding until April 10, 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 adjudicatory proceedings set forth in Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2(i)). Under the circumstances of this proceeding, it is appropriate to waive the 30-day period for public review and comment.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Matthew Baker is the assigned Commissioner and Jacob L. Rambo is the assigned Administrative Law Judge and the presiding officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. C.24-09-006 was filed on September 3, 2024.
2. D.25-08-019 extended the statutory deadline for C.24-09-006 to October 31, 2025.
3. D.25-10-017 extended the statutory deadline for C.24-09-006 to February 16, 2026.
4. C.24-09-006 cannot be completed by February 16, 2026.

5. An extension of the statutory deadline until April 10, 2026, is necessary to allow adequate time to issue a final decision.

Conclusion of Law

1. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(i), the statutory deadline should be extended to April 10, 2026.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of C.24-09-006 is extended until April 10, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated February 5, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

ALICE REYNOLDS
President
DARCIE L. HOUCK
JOHN REYNOLDS
MATTHEW BAKER
KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioners