

Decision 26-02-049 February 26, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Bernie Cullen,

Complainant

vs.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
(U39E),

Defendant.

Case 25-03-020

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to October 30, 2026.

1. Background and Justification

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 statutory deadline for this proceeding is March 21, 2026.

On March 21, 2025, Bernie Cullen filed a complaint (C.) 25-03-020 with the Commission alleging that Pacific Gas and Electric Company failed to provide service.

The then assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) held a Prehearing Conference on July 25, 2025 to address the issues of law and fact, determine the need for an evidentiary hearing, discuss the schedule for resolving the matter, and address other matters as necessary.

On October 27, 2025, this proceeding was reassigned to ALJ Robert Mason M. Mason III.

An extension of the statutory deadline to October 30, 2026 is appropriate and necessary to allow sufficient time to issue the scoping memo and ruling and to schedule the evidentiary hearing as this matter was reassigned to a different ALJ.

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

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Matthew Baker is the assigned Commissioner and Robert M. Mason III is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. C.25-03-020 was filed by Bernie Cullen on March 21, 2025.

2. On October 27, 2025, C.25-03-020 was reassigned to ALJ Robert M. Mason III.

3. The current statutory deadline for C.25-03-020 is March 21, 2026.

4. C.25-03-020 cannot be completed by March 21, 2026.

5. An extension of the statutory deadline to October 30, 2026 is appropriate to allow sufficient time to complete this proceeding.

Conclusion of Law

1. Pursuant to the Commission's authority under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) the statutory deadline should be extended until October 30, 2026.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended to October 30, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated February 26, 2026, at Santa Maria, California.

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