

Decision 26-02-044 February 26, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Recovery of Recorded Expenditures in Memorandum and Balancing Accounts Related to Wildfire and Gas Safety (U39 M).

Application 23-06-008

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding until October 30, 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 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 the deadline. The current statutory deadline for this proceeding is March 31, 2026.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed Application (A.) 23-06-008 on June 15, 2023, seeking to recover costs spent in two broad categories: wildfire

safety work performed during the years 2020-2022, and electric modernization and gas safety work performed primarily in 2022. PG&E's request here in A.23-06-008 is its second request, after first filing this request in its 2023 General Rate Case (GRC), A.21-06-021. In response to directives in the 2023 GRC proceeding, PG&E withdrew its request from the 2023 GRC and filed A.23-06-008.

On November 1, 2023, the assigned Commissioner issued a scoping and ruling memo that, among other things, extended the statutory deadline for A.23-06-008 until June 30, 2025.

The schedule for this proceeding includes two tracks. Track 1 considers recovery of costs associated with wildfire mitigation work, and Track 2 considers costs associated with gas safety and electric modernization work.

On June 12, 2025, Decision 25-06-018 extended the statutory deadline for A.23-06-008 until March 31, 2026.

An extension of the statutory deadline to October 31, 2026, is necessary to allow time to issue Proceeding Orders in Track 1 and Track 2 and deliberate on the issues.

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

John Reynolds is the assigned Commissioner and Elaine C. Lau and Camille Watts-Zagha are the assigned Administrative Law Judges in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. PG&E filed A.23-06-008 on June 15, 2023.
2. The current statutory deadline for A.23-06-008 is March 31, 2026.
3. A.23-06-008 cannot be completed by March 31, 2026.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline until October 30, 2026, is necessary to complete this proceeding.

Conclusion of Law

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

ORDER

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

This order is effective today.

Dated February 26, 2026, Santa Maria, 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.