

Decision 26-04-013 April 9, 2026

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

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Proposed Changes to General Order 95 to Modernize the Rules and Regulations Governing the Design and Construction of Overhead Electric and Communications Facilities in California.

Rulemaking 24-10-005

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to October 17, 2026.

**1. Background and Justification**

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 that deadline. The current statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is April 17, 2026.

On October 17, 2024, the Commission opened this Rulemaking (R.) 24-10-005 to consider proposed changes to General Order (GO) 95 to modernize the rules and regulations governing the design and construction of overhead electric and communications facilities in California. R.24-10-005 directed an investor owned utility (IOU) led party workshop, a filing of the joint party meeting report by Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and a subsequent comment period on the meeting report.

By November 22, 2024, opening comments on R.24-10-005 were filed by Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc., the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission; the California Broadband & Video Association (CalBroadband); the Coalition of California Utility Employees; Crown Castle Fiber LLC; Liberty Utilities, LLC, and PacifiCorp (jointly, the California Association of Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities (CASMU); Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Frontier California Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of California, Inc., and Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc.; Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E); San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E); SCE; Safety and Enforcement Division (SED); the Small Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers; and Sonic Telecom, LLC.

On December 9, 2024, reply comments on the R.24-10-005 were filed by CalBroadband, PG&E, SCE, SDG&E, and SED. On January 8, 2025, PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E (Joint IOUs) held a party workshop. On January 17, 2025, SCE, on behalf of the Joint IOUs, filed the joint party meeting report. On February 6, 2025, SCE and SDG&E jointly filed comments on the meeting report. On February 18, 2025, PG&E and SED filed reply comments on the meeting report

On April 14, 2025, the assigned Commissioner issued a Scoping Memo and Ruling setting forth the issues, need for hearing and schedule for this proceeding.

Workshops were publicly noticed and held on May 28-29, June 24-26, July 22-24, August 26-28, and October 1, 2025.

On December 17, 2025, an ALJ ruling issued with the Workshop Report and supplemental questions.

On January 16, 2026, opening comments to the Workshop Report were filed by the California Municipal Utilities Association, Crown Castle Fiber, SED, and Joint Parties.

On February 17, 2026, reply comments were filed by CASMU, Joint Parties, and SED.

An extension of the statutory deadline is necessary because additional time is needed to complete the proposed decision and afford the Commission adequate time to deliberate and issues its final decision. The statutory deadline for this proceeding is therefore extended to October 17, 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 that extends the deadline for resolving ratesetting or quasi-legislative proceedings pursuant to Pub. Util. 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**

Matthew Baker is the assigned Commissioner and Joanna Perez-Green is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

**Findings of Fact**

1. On October 17, 2024, the Commission opened R.24-10-005.
2. The current statutory deadline for resolving R.24-10-005 is April 17, 2026.
3. R.24-10-005 cannot be completed by April 17, 2026.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline to October 17, 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 Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to October 17, 2026.

**ORDER**

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended to October 17, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated April 9, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

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