

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

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

North County Communications  
Corporation (U5631C),

Complainant,

vs.

Case 24-12-012

Vaya Telecom, Inc. (U7122C) and O1  
Communications, Inc. (U6065C),

Defendants

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding until October 30, 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 statutory deadline for this proceeding is June 30, 2026.

On December 26, 2024, North County Communications filed this Complaint (C.) 24-12-012 with the Commission against Vaya Telecom, Inc. and O1 Communications, Inc. (Defendants), alleging violation of an interconnection agreement, failure to pay intercarrier compensation, fraud regarding spoofing and robocalls and for other relief.

On December 2, 2025, the assigned Administrative Law Judge issued a Presiding Officer's Decision (POD) granting Defendants' motion to dismiss (Motion).

On December 18, 2025, Decision 25-12-036 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding to March 27, 2026.

On December 31, 2025, Defendants filed an appeal to the POD granting their Motion and dismissing the complaint in this proceeding.

On or about February 22, 2026, Vaya Telecom filed with the California Supreme Court a petition for review in *Vaya Telecom v. California Public Utilities Commission*, Case No. S295369. That petition with the Supreme Court challenged the California Court of Appeal's decision in Case No. G065120, addressing the Commission's authority to apply the *alter ego* doctrine to impose corporate parent liability, as alleged in the present proceeding.

On March 19, 2026, Decision 26-03-032 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding to June 30, 2026.

On or after April 22, 2026, the California Supreme Court denied the petition for review by Vaya Telecom in *Vaya Telecom v. California Public Utilities Commission*, Case No. S295369. That denial by the Supreme Court leaves intact the Court of Appeal's decision in Case No. G065120, addressing the

Commission's authority to apply the *alter ego* doctrine. The now-affirmed decision by the Court of Appeal in Case No. G065120 may affect the basis for alleged liability and a Modified Presiding Officer's Decision granting the Motion in this proceeding. To prepare a Modified Presiding Officer's Decision and/or complete this proceeding, the Commission requires an extension beyond the June 30, 2026 statutory deadline. Consequently, it is necessary to extend the statutory deadline for this proceeding to October 30, 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 Pub Util. 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**

Christine Harada is the assigned Commissioner and Jeffrey Lee is the assigned Administrative Law Judge and the presiding officer in this proceeding.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. C.24-12-012 was filed on December 26, 2024.
2. The current statutory deadline for C.24-12-012 is June 30, 2026.
3. C.24-12-012 cannot be completed by June 30, 2026.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline until October 30, 2026, is necessary to allow adequate time to complete this proceeding.

**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 October 30, 2026.

**ORDER**

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline for completion of C.24-12-012 is extended until October 30, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated June \_\_, 2026, at Sacramento, California.