

Decision 26-05-020 May 14, 2026

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

Kimberly Graves,

Complainant,

vs.

Case 25-05-021

California Water Service Company  
(U60W),

Defendant.

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

**Summary**

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

**1. Background**

Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) § 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 May 30, 2026.

On May 30, 2025, Kimberly Graves (Complainant) filed Complaint (C.) 25-05-021 (Complaint) against California Water Service Company (Cal Water) regarding Cal Water's alleged legal requirement that Complainant must install multiple backflow prevention assemblies on the multiple service connections on Complainant's property. Cal Water filed its answer to the Complaint on July 18, 2025.

On August 20, 2025, the assigned Administrative Law Judge held a telephonic prehearing conference to determine 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 20, 2025, the assigned Commissioner issued a Scoping Memo and Ruling setting forth the issues, need for evidentiary hearing, schedule, category, and other matters necessary to scope this proceeding. An evidentiary hearing was held on January 30, 2026.

The briefing period recently concluded in March 2026. As such, the statutory deadline should be extended to November 30, 2026, for this proceeding to provide the Commission adequate time to thoughtfully prepare and issue a proposed decision.

## **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**

Karen Douglas is the assigned Commissioner and Suman Mathews is the assigned Administrative Law Judge and the presiding officer in this proceeding.

#### **Findings of Fact**

1. C.25-05-021 was filed on May 30, 2025.
2. The current statutory deadline for C.25-05-021 is May 30, 2026.
3. C.25-05-021 cannot be completed by May 30, 2026.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline until November 30, 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 November 30, 2026.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline for completion of C.25-05-021 is extended until November 30, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated May 14, 2026, at San Fransico, California.

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