

Decision 26-07-019 July 2, 2026

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

Order Instituting Rulemaking to  
Address Biomethane Procurement  
Cost Allocation.

Rulemaking 22-12-011

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline for 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 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 the deadline. The current statutory deadline for completion of Rulemaking (R.) 22-12-011 is July 31, 2026.

On December 15, 2022, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) opened R.22-12-011 to consider cost allocation for biomethane procurement, pursuant to Decision (D.) 22-02-025, which established biomethane procurement targets to reduce short-lived climate pollutant emissions. This

rulemaking will consider, among other matters, how to allocate biomethane procurements costs between core and noncore customer classes.

D.24-11-015 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding until March 31, 2025.

D.25-03-013 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding until February 27, 2026.

D.26-02-014 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding until July 31, 2026.

In 2025, additional rulings and party comments continued to build the record.

On May 19, 2026, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a second supplemental comment ruling seeking party input on two issues to inform the forthcoming proposed decision. Additional time is needed to allow for consideration of party responses and for the proposed decision to then be issued and considered by the Commission. Therefore, an extension of the statutory deadline until October 30, 2026, is appropriate and necessary.

## **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**

Darcie L. Houck is the assigned Commissioner and Maria Sotero is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. On December 15, 2022, the Commission opened this OIR.
2. D.24-11-015 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding until March 31, 2025.
3. D.25-03-013 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding until February 27, 2026.
4. D.26-02-014 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding until July 31, 2026.
5. This proceeding cannot be completed by July 31, 2026.
6. An extension of the statutory deadline until October 30, 2026 is necessary to complete this proceeding.

### **Conclusion of Law**

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

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

This order is effective today.

Dated July 2, 2026, at Fort Bragg, California.

JOHN REYNOLDS  
President

DARCIE L. HOUCK

KAREN DOUGLAS

Commissioners

Commissioner Matthew Baker recused himself from this agenda item and was not part of the quorum in its consideration.

Commissioner Christine Harada being absent did not participate in the vote of this item.