

Decision 26-10-019 October 8, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Gas
Company (U904G) for Adoption of a
Microgrid Optional Tariff.

Application 25-04-006

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to February 15, 2027.

1. Background

Public Utilities (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 that deadline. The current statutory deadline for resolving this proceeding is October 16, 2026.

On April 16, 2025, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) filed Application (A.) 25-04-006 (Application) seeking California Public Utilities Commission's approval to offer a Microgrid Optional Tariff (MOT) service to its non-residential customers in its service territory. SoCalGas proposes providing

an optional service enabling the utility to design, build, own, operate and maintain behind-the-meter microgrid facilities. According to the Application, MOT customers will have the flexibility to choose the fuel type that meets their needs, and the program will be funded by the customers who enroll in the program.

The following parties filed protests or responses to the Application: California Hydrogen Business Council, First Public Hydrogen Authority, the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission, Southern California Generation Coalition, and the Utility Consumers' Action Network. Agricultural Energy Consumers Association, Bloom Energy Corporation, Colusa Indian Energy, LLC, Energy Pathways, LLC, Small Business Utility Advocates, and The Utility Reform Network filed motions for party status.

On May 29, 2025, SoCalGas filed a reply to protests and responses to the Application.

The assigned Administrative Law Judge held a prehearing conference on July 14, 2025 to address the issues of law and fact, determine the need for hearing, set the schedule for resolving the matter, and address other matters as necessary.

On August 13, 2025, the assigned Commissioner issued a Scoping Memo and Ruling which set forth the issues, need for evidentiary hearing, schedule, and other necessary matters.

An extension of the statutory deadline to February 15, 2027 is appropriate and necessary in order to provide sufficient time to allow the Commission to

complete its review of the case and vote on a proposed decision resolving the application.

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 the issues raised in the scoping memo in a ratesetting proceeding set forth in Public Utilities 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 Nilgun Atamturk is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. A.25-04-006 was filed on April 16, 2025.
2. The current statutory deadline for completion of A.25-04-006 is October 16, 2026.
3. A.25-04-006 cannot be completed by October 16, 2026.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline to February 15, 2027 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 § 1701.50(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to February 15, 2027.

2. The 30-day period for review and comment on this Order is waived.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended to February 15, 2027.

This order is effective today.

Dated October 8, 2026 at Sacramento, California.

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