BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA


Application 18-07-013

And Related Matter.

Application 18-12-008

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in these proceedings until September 13, 2021.

1. Background

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases must be resolved within 18 months after initiation unless the Commission makes a written determination that the deadline cannot be met, including findings as to the reason, and issues an order extending that deadline. In these proceedings, the 18-month deadline for resolution was August 15, 2020. The Commission has extended the statutory deadline of these proceedings and the most recent Decision (D.) 20-12-009 issued on December 3, 2020, extended the statutory deadline of these proceedings to March 13, 2021.


A prehearing conference (PHC) was held on September 7, 2018, to discuss the issues of law and fact, to determine the need for hearing, and to set the schedule to resolve this matter. On October 11, 2018, the assigned Commissioner issued a scoping memo and ruling for this proceeding.

On December 13, 2018, PG&E filed A.18-12-008 in the 2018 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding. On March 7, 2019, PG&E filed a motion to consolidate A.18-07-013 with A.18-12-008. An amended scoping memo was issued on March 7, 2019 consolidating the proceedings, including additional concerns raised by Mothers for Peace and Alex S. Karlin, and modifying the schedule.

Public Participation Hearings were held on August 7-8, 2019. Evidentiary Hearings were held from September 23, 2019 through September 25, 2019.

On January 10, 2020, a Joint Motion for Adoption of a Settlement Agreement (Joint Settlement Agreement) was filed by The Utility Reform Network, Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission, Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility, County of San Luis Obispo, Women’s Energy Matters, yak tityu tityu yak tilhini Northern Chumash Cultural Preservation Kinship and PG&E.

The assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) is reviewing the terms and conditions of the Joint Settlement Agreement. Therefore, an extension of the statutory deadline until September 13, 2021 is necessary to publish a proposed decision, to review comments on the proposed decision, and to allow the Commission sufficient time to deliberate and to issue its final decision.
2. Waiver of Comment Period
   Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the 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 18-month deadline set forth in Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a). Under the circumstances of this case, it is appropriate to waive the 30-day period for public review and comment.

3. Assignment of Proceeding
   Marybel Batjer is the assigned Commissioner and Robert W. Haga is the assigned ALJ in these proceedings.

Findings of Fact
2. A PHC was held on September 7, 2018.
3. On October 11, 2018, the scoping memo and ruling was issued and on March 7, 2019, an amended scoping memo was issued consolidating the proceedings, including additional concerns raised by Mothers for Peace and Alex S. Karlin, and modifying the schedule.
4. Public Participation Hearings were held on August 7-8, 2019.
5. Evidentiary Hearings were held from September 23, 2019 through September 25, 2019.
6. The Commission has extended the statutory deadline of these proceedings and the most recent D.20-12-009 issued on December 3, 2020, extended the statutory deadline of these proceedings to March 13, 2021.
7. An extension of the statutory deadline until September 13, 2021, is necessary to allow sufficient time to publish the proposed decision on the Joint
Settlement Agreement, review comments received on the proposed decision and allow the Commission enough time to deliberate and to issue its final decision.

**Conclusion of Law**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to September 13, 2021.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline for completion of these proceedings is extended until September 13, 2021.

This order is effective today.

Dated March 4, 2021, at San Francisco, California.

MARYBEL BATJER  
President  
MARTHA GUZMAN ACEVES  
CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFEN  
GENEVIEVE SHIROMA  
DARCIE HOUCK  
Commissioners