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Decision 99-03-046 March 18, 1999

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a California corporation, and Fred Ryness and Associates for an Order Authorizing the Former to Sell and Convey to the Latter a Certain Parcel of Land in Shasta County Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851. (U 39 M)

ORIGINAL

Application 97-04-015
(Filed April 7, 1997)

ORDER ON PETITION FOR MODIFICATION

Summary

Decision (D.) 98-02-035, dated February 4, 1998, is modified to grant Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) an extension of time of six months to complete the sale to Fred Ryness and Associates (Buyer) of a certain parcel of land located in Shasta County.

Discussion

PG&E and Buyer worked diligently to close the sale. However, for reasons set forth in the petition for modification, they were unable to do so within the 12-month period specified in the decision. They expect to complete the sale shortly after February 4, 1999. Accordingly, PG&E requests that the period of 12 months allowed to complete the sale authorized by D.98-02-035 be changed to 18 months.

We agree.

This is an uncontested matter in which the decision grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

Findings of Fact

1. Due to circumstances beyond its control, PG&E was unable to complete the sale of the parcel of land authorized in D.98-02-035 within the 12-month period allowed by the decision.
2. PG&E requests that the period of 12 months allowed to complete the sale be changed to 18 months.
3. No protests were filed opposing PG&E's petition for modification filed on February 4, 1999.

Conclusions of Law

1. It is in the public interest for the extension of time to be granted.
2. D.98-02-035 should be modified accordingly.

IT IS ORDERED that Decision 98-02-035, Ordering Paragraph 5, which reads: "This grant of authority expires if not exercised within one year of the date of this order." is modified to read: "This grant of authority expires if not exercised by August 4, 1999."

This order is effective today.

Dated March 18, 1999, at San Francisco, California.

RICHARD A. BILAS
President
HENRY M. DUQUE
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Commissioners