

Decision 00-05-044 May 18, 2000

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Mad River Community Hospital,

Complainant,

vs.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company,

Defendant.

Case 99-05-035
(Filed May 18, 1999)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) provides that adjudicatory cases shall be resolved within 12 months of initiation unless the Commission makes findings why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. In this proceeding, the 12-month deadline for resolving this matter is May 17, 2000.

Evidentiary hearings in this case have been held on August 19, 1999 and October 14-15, 1999. At the last hearing, the parties agreed to certain physical evidence being analyzed at an independent laboratory, and that analysis, together with testimony, has not yet been introduced. As a result, the record remains open and closing briefs have not been scheduled.

It is, therefore, necessary to extend the statutory deadline to complete the record and to provide for a briefing schedule.

Comment Period Waived

The 30-day public review and comment period is waived upon the stipulation of all parties in the proceeding (Pub. Util. Code § 311(g)(2).

Findings of Fact

1. This proceeding was initiated on May 18, 1999.
2. Based upon the 12-month statutory deadline, this proceeding must be resolved on or before May 17, 2000, unless this date is extended.
3. The record in this case is incomplete by reason of delay in obtaining a laboratory analysis of certain physical evidence germane to this proceeding.

Conclusion of Law

The 12-month statutory deadline imposed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) should be extended until further order.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that the 12-month statutory deadline in this proceeding, May 17, 2000, is extended until further order.

This order is effective today.

Dated May 18, 2000, at San Francisco, California.

LORETTA M. LYNCH
President
HENRY M. DUQUE
JOSIAH L. NEEPER
RICHARD A. BILAS
CARL W. WOOD
Commissioners