

Decision 00-06-016 June 8, 2000

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

Pacific Bell (U 1001 C),

Complainant,

vs.

FirstWorld Communications, Inc.  
FirstWorld SoCal (U 5733 C)  
FirstWorld Orange Coast (U 5782 C)  
FirstWorld SGV (U 5783 C)

Defendant.

Case 99-04-046  
(Filed April 28, 1999)

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

Case 99-04-046 was filed on April 28, 1999. A prehearing conference (PHC) was held on July 1, 1999, that resulted in a determination that hearings were needed. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 4(b)(2) of our Rules of Practice and Procedure, this proceeding falls under the requirements of Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2.

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2(d) requires adjudication cases to be resolved within 12 months of initiation unless the Commission makes findings why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending it.

The Presiding Officer's Decision was mailed on February 18, 2000. The defendant filed an appeal, and a Request for Review was filed. As a result, additional time will be necessary to allow the Commission to address the appeal and Request for Review of the Presiding Officer's Decision.

Under Rule 77.7(f)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of draft decisions extending the deadline for resolving adjudicatory proceedings. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 77.7(f)(4), the otherwise applicable Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2(d) statutory deadline for public review and comment is being waived.

**Findings of Fact**

1. The 12-month statutory deadline for this case is April 28, 2000.
2. A PHC was held on July 1, 1999, which resulted in a determination that hearings are necessary which in turn triggered the 12-month deadline.
3. The Presiding Officer's Decision was mailed on February 18, 2000.
4. Additional time is necessary in order to address the Request for Review and appeal that were filed.

**Conclusion of Law**

The 12-month statutory deadline imposed by Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2(d) should be extended until further order.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the 12-month statutory deadline for this proceeding, April 28, 2000, is extended until further order.

This order is effective today.

Dated June 8, 2000, at San Francisco, California.

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