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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Whether Text Messaging Services are Subject to Public Purpose Program Surcharges.
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Rulemaking 17-06-023

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding until June 29, 2019.

1. Background

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that quasi-legislative cases must resolve the issues in the scoping memo 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 this proceeding, the 18-month deadline for resolution was December 29, 2018.

A proposed decision (PD) that resolves this proceeding was issued for public review and comment on November 9, 2018. Therefore, to ensure that the Commission has sufficient time to consider comments on the PD and issue a final decision, the statutory deadline for resolving this proceeding is extended to June 29, 2019.

2. Waiver of Comments on Proposed Decision

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

Carla J. Peterman is the assigned Commissioner and Zita Kline is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

4. Findings of Fact

1. The statutory deadline for resolving this adjudication was December 29, 2018.
2. A proposed decision (PD) that resolves this proceeding was issued for public review and comment on November 9, 2018.
3. An extension of the statutory deadline until June 29, 2019 is needed to ensure that the Commission has sufficient time to consider comments on the PD and issue a final decision.

5. Conclusions of Law

1. Pursuant to the authority granted to Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to June 29, 2019.
2. This order should be effective immediately.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The statutory deadline for completion of is proceeding is extended until June 29, 2019.

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

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.