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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902 E) for Adoption of its Smart Grid Deployment Plan.

Application 11-06-006
(Filed June 6, 2011)

And Related Matters.

Application 11-06-029
Application 11-07-001

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to August 1, 2013.

Background

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5 provides that quasi-legislative proceedings, such as this one, shall be resolved within 18 months of the date on which the scoping memo is issued, unless the scoping memo sets a later date. The Commission may also, upon making a written determination that the deadline cannot be met, including findings as to the reason, issue an order extending the deadline for up to 60 days.

As a result of the issuance of a scoping memo on October 3, 2011, in this proceeding, the 18-month statutory deadline for resolving this consolidated proceeding is April 3, 2013. Decision (D.) 13-03-018 previously extended the deadline to June 2, 2013.

However, additional time is necessary for the Commission to complete its analysis of the lengthy Smart Grid Deployment Plans filed by San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), and Southern California Edison Company (SCE), in this proceeding. This additional time will help the Commission ensure the compliance of these plans with the standards set forth in D.10-06-047 and to permit consideration of this matter by the full Commission. Therefore, this decision extends the deadline for 60 days, to August 1, 2013.

Discussion

In Application (A.) 11-06-006, SDG&E presented a Smart Grid Deployment Plan of 340 pages. In A.11-06-029, PG&E filed a Smart Grid Deployment Plan of 281 pages. In A.11-07-001, SCE filed a Deployment Plan of 177 pages.

The review of these plans was consolidated into one comprehensive proceeding. Moreover, each plan offers a utility-specific plan for the deployment of its Smart Grid.

Because of the length and complexity of these plans, more time is required to complete the review. In addition, because of the complexity of this matter, Commission deliberation will require more time. For these reasons, an order extending the deadline for this proceeding is necessary.

Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving quasi-legislative proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Michael R. Peevey is the assigned Commissioner and Timothy J. Sullivan is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. This proceeding to review the Smart Grid Deployment Plans of SDG&E, PG&E, and SCE requires additional time to complete the examination of the lengthy and complex plans filed by each utility.

2. D.11-06-006 set the deadline of this quasi-legislative proceeding to June 2, 2013.

3. A further 60-day extension of time to August 1, 2013, is needed.

Conclusion of Law

1. The Commission should extend the deadline in this proceeding to August 1, 2013, as allowed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5.

2. In accordance with Rule 14.6(c)(4) the comment period should be waived.

3. This order should be effective immediately.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this consolidated proceeding is extended to August 1, 2013.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.