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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Seal Beach Mutual 3,

Complainant,

vs.

Southern California Edison Company (U338E),

Defendant.

Case 12-07-019
(Filed July 25, 2012)**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****1. Summary**

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2(d) provides that adjudicatory cases shall be resolved within 12 months of the date that they are initiated unless the Commission makes findings as to why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. This matter has been categorized as adjudicatory, and the 12-month deadline for resolving this proceeding ends on July 25, 2013.

On July 25, 2012 Al Outhier, Vice President and Physical Property Director at Seal Beach Mutual 3 (hereafter, Mutual 3) filed Case (C.) 12-07-019 with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission).¹ Mutual 3 notes that because residents share laundry facilities that are serviced by single meters, the

¹ Mutual 3 is represented by its Vice President and Physical Property Director.

Southern Edison Company (Edison) charges it the higher commercial load usage rate. In addition to claiming that these charges are inappropriate because Mutual 3 is no a commercial facility, Mutual 3 suggests a potential conflict between Edison's purported use of the Commercial rate schedule and the Commission's California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program provisions.² By way of relief, Mutual 3 requests a refund of the \$11,556 it paid to Edison in accumulated demand penalties since January of 2007. Edison responded to the complaint on September 4, 2012.

Additional time is needed to determine which is the appropriate approach for this case.

2. 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 on proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving adjudicatory proceedings. Accordingly, pursuant to this rule, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is waived.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Michel Peter Florio is the assigned Commissioner and Darwin E. Farrar is the assigned ALJ and presiding officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The 12-month deadline for resolving this complaint case is July 25, 2013.

² Mutual 3 asserts that many of its residents subsists on fixed and limited income. And *see* Decision 00-07-005 at 3.

2. An extension of time until January 25, 2014, should give the parties time to fully develop and resolve the issues in this complaint case.

Conclusions of Law

1. The deadline for resolving this proceeding should be extended until January 25, 2014.

2. This matter should be effective immediately.

IT IS ORDERED that the time for completion of this complaint case is extended until January 25, 2014.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.