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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
Southern California Gas Company
(U904G) to Establish an Advanced
Meter Opt-Out Program.

Application 12-05-016
(Filed May 11, 2012)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to March 13, 2014.

Background

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases must be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued unless the Commission makes findings why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days. In this proceeding, the 18-month deadline for resolving this proceeding is January 12, 2014.

A proposed decision on the contested issues is expected to be issued within the next month. In order to provide the parties time to comment on the proposed decision and the Commission time to consider and issue a final decision, an extension of time is necessary. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until March 13, 2014, 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 ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment on an extension order issued pursuant to § 1701.5(a) is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Michael R. Peevey is the assigned Commissioner and Amy C. Yip-Kikugawa is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The 18-month statutory deadline for resolving this ratesetting proceeding is January 12, 2014.
2. A proposed decision is expected to be issued within the next month.
3. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline is necessary to provide sufficient time for review and to issue a final decision.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the Commission's authority under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) the statutory deadline should be extended for a period of 60 days beyond January 12, 2014.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The 18-month statutory deadline in this proceeding, January 12, 2014, is extended until March 13, 2014.

2. Application 12-05-016 remains open.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.