

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

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

Application of SFPP, L.P. for authority, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 455.3, to increase its rates for pipeline transportation services within California.

Application 09-05-014  
(Filed May 12, 2009)

And Related Matters.

Application 08-06-008  
Application 08-06-009

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in these proceedings to June 15, 2014.

**Background**

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases shall 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. These matters have been categorized as ratesetting and the statutory deadline for resolving these proceedings is April 16, 2014.

The parties have entered into global settlement negotiations and are in the process of retaining a mediator to assist them. It is anticipated that such negotiations will take up to six months to conclude and there can be no certainty

that the parties will reach a settlement. In view of the foregoing, we have concluded that it is appropriate to extend the statutory deadline to June 15, 2014.

### **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 is being waived.

### **Assignment of Proceeding**

Michael R. Peevey is the assigned Commissioner and Karl J. Bemesderfer is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in these proceedings.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. The revised and amended scoping memo in these proceedings was issued on August 16, 2012.
2. Based upon the statutory deadline, these proceedings must be resolved within 18 months of scoping memo issuance unless this date is extended.
3. An extension of time until June 15, 2014, is necessary in order to provide time for the parties to negotiate a global settlement or, in the alternative, to notify the Commission that such negotiations have failed; and to provide time for the Commission to issue a formal decision of this matter.

**Conclusions of Law**

1. The 18-month statutory deadline imposed by Pub. Util. § 1701.2(d) should be further extended until June 15, 2014.
2. This order should be effective immediately.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the time for completion of these proceedings is further extended until June 15, 2014.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, at San Francisco, California.