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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Smart Grid Technologies Pursuant to Federal Legislation and on the Commission's own Motion to Actively Guide Policy in California's Development of a Smart Grid System.

Rulemaking 08-12-009
(Filed December 18, 2008)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to January 12, 2015.

Background and Discussion

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a) provides that quasi-legislative cases, such as this one, shall be resolved within 18 months of the date on which the scoping memo is issued, unless the Commission makes findings regarding why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days. The amended scoping memo issued on May 13, 2013, extended the 18-month statutory deadline for resolving this rulemaking to November 12, 2014.

A proposed decision resolving all outstanding issues was mailed in late October 2014, but will not be eligible for Commission consideration until December 4, 2014. To permit the Commission adequate time to consider this

matter, it is necessary to extend the statutory deadline for this proceeding to January 12, 2015.

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. The statutory deadline of this quasi-legislative proceeding is November 12, 2014.
2. A 60-day extension of time to January 12, 2015, is needed to ensure adequate deliberation on a proposed decision that was mailed in late October 2014.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Commission should extend the deadline in this proceeding to January 12, 2015, as allowed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a).
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 proceeding is extended to January 12, 2015.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at Bakersfield, California.