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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric
Company for 2013 Rate Design Window
Proceeding. (U39E)

Application 12-12-002
(Filed December 3, 2012)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

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

Background

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5 provides that ratesetting matters such as this application shall be resolved within 18 months of issuance of the scoping memo for the proceeding, unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days.

In this proceeding, the scoping memo was issued on February 14, 2013, therefore the 18-month deadline for resolving the proceeding is August 16, 2014. In Decision (D.) 14-10-041 issued on October 16, 2014, the Commission extended the statutory deadline to December 14, 2014.

On December 3, 2012, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed this application regarding its 2013 Rate Design Window in compliance with D.11-12-053 to file a demand charge cost study and an evaluation of "Option R"

for customers on PG&E's rate Schedule E-19 and E-20, that is, those customers with solar unit production that exceed 10% of the customers' demand.

On January 14, 2013, Solar Energy Industries Association filed a protest to the application requesting the Commission not to accept the study PG&E has presented. A prehearing conference was held and concluded on February 5, 2013. After the scoping memo was issued, PG&E filed a motion to revise the scheduled and the motion was denied. An Evidentiary hearing was held on July 9, 2013, and parties filed their briefs and reply briefs.

The proposed decision on a rate design proposal to adopt an Option R Tariff for PG&E, was issued for public review and comments on November 17, 2014, to be added to the December 18, 2014 Commission's Agenda. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until February 12, 2015, is necessary to provide the Commission with enough time to review the public comments, deliberate on the proposed decision, and to issue its final decision.

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 decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. We waive the period for public review and comment pursuant to this rule.

Assignment of Proceeding

Michael R. Peevey is the assigned Commissioner and Douglas Long is the assigned Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. This proceeding was initiated on December 3, 2012.
2. D.14-10-041 issued on October 16, 2014, extended the statutory deadline to December 14, 2014.

3. A proposed decision on a rate design proposal to adopt an Option R Tariff for PG&E, was issued for public review and comments on November 17, 2014.

4. An extension of time until February 12, 2015, is necessary to prepare a final decision for Commission consideration.

Conclusions of Law

1. Pursuant to the authority granted the Commission under Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline for this proceeding should be extended to February 12, 2015.

2. Pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(4), the comment period for the proposed decision should be waived.

IT IS ORDERED that the extension of the statutory deadline for this proceeding is extended to February 12, 2015.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.