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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of California-American Water Company (U210W) for an Order (1) Approving a Settlement Agreement with the County of Monterey and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to Settle and Resolve Claims and Issues Between the Parties and to Promote the Development, Construction and Operation of a Water Supply Project for Monterey County on an Expedited Basis, and (2) Authorizing the Transfer of Authorized Costs Related to the Settlement Agreement to Its Special Request 1 Surcharge Balancing Account.

Application 13-05-017
(Filed May 24, 2013)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to April 2, 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 August 2, 2013, therefore the 18-month deadline for resolving the proceeding is February 1, 2015.

On May 24, 2013, California-American Water (Cal Am) filed Application (A.) 13-05-017, requesting approval of a Settlement Agreement with the County of Monterey and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and authority to transfer authorized costs related to the Settlement Agreement to its Special Request 1 Surcharge Balancing Account. The application was protested by the Office of Ratepayer Advocates, the Marina Coast Water District, Water Plus, and the Public Trust Alliance.

On July 19, 2013, a prehearing conference was held to establish the service list, discuss the scope of this proceeding, and develop a procedural timetable for the management of this proceeding. Evidentiary hearings were held on November 12, 13, and 18, 2013.

The proposed decision was issued for public review and comments on January 6, 2015, and revised on January 8, 2015. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until April 2, 2015, is necessary to provide time for parties to comment on the proposed decision and allow time for the Commission to review the comments, deliberate and vote on the proposed decision at the February 12, 2015 Commission meeting.

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

Catherine J.K. Sandoval is the assigned Commissioner and Seaneen M. Wilson is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. This proceeding was initiated on May 24, 2013.
2. An extension of time until April 2, 2015, is necessary in order to provide time for parties to comment on the proposed decision and allow time for the Commission to review the comments, deliberate and vote on the proposed decision at the February 12, 2015 Commission Meeting.

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 April 2, 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 April 2, 2015.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.