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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Rates, Operations, Practices, Services and Facilities of Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas and Electric Company Associated with the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3.

Investigation 12-10-013
(Filed October 25, 2012)

And Related Matters.

Application 13-01-016
Application 13-03-005
Application 13-03-013
Application 13-03-014

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in these proceedings to May 30, 2015.

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 statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days. In these proceedings, the statutory deadline is March 31, 2015.

On October 25, 2012, the Commission initiated this Order Instituting an Investigation (OII) to consolidate and consider issues raised by the extended outages of Units 2 and 3 at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS). When the Commission opened this investigation, it anticipated that other applications by Southern California Edison Company (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) would be consolidated with this OII. On April 19, 2013, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a ruling consolidating Application (A.) 13-03-005, A.13-03-013, A.13-03-014, and A.13-01-016, with this OII.

A series of Prehearing Conferences, Public Participation Hearings, Evidentiary Hearings and Oral Arguments have been held in the course of this proceeding. The Commission has issued two decisions. Decision (D.) 13-06-013 authorized the Director of the Energy Division to retain one or more technical consultants to advise the Commission, its staff, and the assigned ALJ in this proceeding. D.14-11-040 approved a settlement agreement between SCE and SDG&E and four other settling parties which provided resolution of rate recovery issues related to the premature shutdown of SONGS, following a steam generator tube leak on January 31, 2012. D.14-11-040 resolved all of the ratesetting issues of these proceedings contemplated in previous scoping memos, in compliance with Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.5(a). However, D.14-11-040 left the proceedings open for consideration and potential prosecution of possible Rule 1.1 violations. In January 2015, the Commission issued D.15-01-037 extending the deadline in these proceedings 60 days until March 31, 2015. On February 9, 2015, SCE filed a late notice of an ex parte communication relating to a meeting that occurred in March 2013. On February 10, 2015, Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility filed a motion relating to that late-filed ex parte notice,

and responses to the motion were filed in late February 2015. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until May 30, 2015, is appropriate.

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

Michel Peter Florio is the assigned Commissioner and Melanie M. Darling and Kevin Dudney are the assigned ALJs in these proceedings.

Findings of Fact

1. The statutory deadline for resolving the issues identified in prior scoping memos in these proceedings was January 30, 2015 and was extended to March 31, 2015 by D.15-01-037.
2. D.14-11-040 resolved the ratesetting issues identified in prior scoping memos but left the proceedings open to consider additional issues.
3. Additional filings were made in these proceedings in February 2015.
4. A final decision is expected by May 30, 2015.
5. 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 authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to from March 31, 2015 to May 30, 2015.

IT IS ORDERED that:

The current statutory deadline in these proceedings, March 31, 2015, is extended until May 30, 2015.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.