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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Marlow and Carol LaFontaine dba Obsidian Family Trust (Partnership) and Desert Pacific Development, Inc.,

Complainants,

vs.

Southern California Edison Company (U338E),

Defendant.

Case 14-05-022
(Filed May 16, 2014)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to November 16, 2015.

1. Background

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(e) provides that adjudicatory cases shall be resolved within 12 months of the date that they are initiated unless the Commission makes findings as to why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. The 12-month deadline for resolution of this case is May 16, 2015.

On May 16, 2014, Marlow and Carol LaFontaine dba Obsidian Family Trust (Partnership) and Desert Pacific Development, Inc., (Complainants), filed a

complaint against Southern California Edison Company (SCE) for rebilling of electric charges based on unauthorized use by a third party lessee on Complainants' property.

On July 7, 2014, SCE timely filed the answer to the complaint. A prehearing conference was held on September 10, 2014. The scoping memo was issued on September 24, 2014, to set the procedural schedule, to assign the Presiding Officer, and to address the scope of the proceeding and other procedural matters following the prehearing conference.

On October 6, 2014, SCE filed a response to the scoping memo and attached Appendix A to its response with a timeline of all payments made by Complainants toward the balance due as calculated by SCE.

Parties requested to have the opportunity to enter into Alternative Dispute Resolution negotiations and on October 7, 2014, an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) was assigned to this proceeding as a Neutral ALJ.

Parties are currently engaged in settlement negotiations. A 6-month extension of the statutory deadline, until November 16, 2015, is necessary to allow parties enough time to complete their settlement negotiations.

2. Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving adjudicatory proceedings. Accordingly, pursuant to this rule, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is waived.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Carla J. Peterman is the assigned Commissioner and Seaneen M. Wilson is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The 12-month deadline for resolving this complaint case is May 16, 2015.
2. Parties requested to have the opportunity to enter into Alternative Dispute Resolution negotiations and currently are engaged in settlement negotiations.
3. A 6-month extension of the statutory deadline, until November 16, 2015, is necessary to allow parties enough time to complete their settlement negotiations.

Conclusions of Law

1. The statutory deadline imposed by Public Utilities Code Section 1701.2(e) should be extended until November 16, 2015.
2. This order should be effective immediately.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until November 16, 2015.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.