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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of Southern California Gas Company (U904G) for Approval of the Branch Office Optimization Process.

Application 13-09-010
(Filed September 16, 2013)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to March 5, 2016.

1. 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.

The scoping memo for this proceeding was issued on March 7, 2014, and the original deadline for resolving the issues in this proceeding was September 6, 2015. In accordance with Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the Commission has extended the statutory deadline of this proceeding and the most recent Decision (D.) 15-10-051 extended the deadline to January 4, 2016. A proposed decision resolving this matter is expected to mail for public review and comments in late-December, 2015. Accordingly, an extension of the deadline established in

D.15-10-051 is needed to allow parties enough time to file comments to the proposed decision and to allow the Commission time to deliberate and issue its final decision. Today's decision further extends the deadline to March 5, 2016.

2. 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.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Carla J. Peterman is the assigned Commissioner and Julie M. Halligan is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The scoping memo for this proceeding was issued on March 7, 2014.

2. The original deadline for resolving this proceeding was September 6, 2015.

The Commission has extended the statutory deadline of this proceeding and the most recent Decision (D.) 15-10-051 extended the deadline to January 4, 2016.

3. Due to other workload commitments, this matter will not be resolved by January 4, 2016.

Conclusions of Law

1. The deadline imposed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) should be extended by 60 days.

2. In accordance with Rule 14.6 (c)(4), the comment period is waived.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until March 5, 2016.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.