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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 May 4, 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.) 15-12-052 extended the deadline to March 5, 2016. A proposed decision (PD) resolving this matter was mailed for public review and comments on December 15, 2015, and placed on the January 14, 2016 Commission Agenda as

Item 20. On December 22, 2015, Southern California Gas Company filed a motion to supplement the record. Utility Workers Union of America and The Utility Reform Network filed responses. On January 14, 2016, Item 20 was withdrawn from the Commission's Agenda to address the latest filings. Accordingly, an extension of the deadline established in D.15-12-052 is needed to address the pending motion and review the supplemental material if the motion is granted, as well as to revise the PD. Today's decision further extends the deadline to May 4, 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 W. Anthony Colbert (formerly 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.) 15-12-052 extended the deadline to March 5, 2016.
3. A PD resolving this matter was mailed for public review and comments on December 15, 2015, and placed on the January 14, 2016 Commission Agenda as Item 20, and it was later withdrawn.

4. On December 22, 2015, Southern California Gas Company filed a motion to supplement the record. Utility Workers Union of America and The Utility Reform Network filed responses.

5. Due to the need to address the pending motion to supplement the record and review the supplemental material if the motion is granted, as well as revise the PD, this matter will not be resolved by March 5, 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 May 4, 2016.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.