

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In The Matter of the Application of SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (U902E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Sycamore-Penasquitos 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project.

Application 14-04-011  
(Filed April 7, 2014)

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****Summary**

Pub. Util. § 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting proceedings shall be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued, unless the scoping memo sets a later date. The Commission may also, upon making a written determination that the deadline cannot be met, including findings as to the reason, issue an order extending the deadline for no more than 60 days.

Decision (D.) 16-02-005 extended the statutory deadline for resolving this proceeding from February 24, 2016, to May 24, 2016, in order to allow time for the issuance of the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and to take evidence and argument on the issues of whether the EIR was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, whether the mitigation measures or project alternatives identified in the EIR are infeasible, and whether there are overriding considerations that merit project approval notwithstanding the significant and unavoidable adverse impacts identified in the EIR.

The final EIR issued on April 12, 2016. The Commission therefore requires additional time to take evidence and argument on these issues, to prepare a proposed decision and to circulate it for public review and comment before it may resolve the proceeding.

**Waiver of Comments on Proposed Decision**

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**

Michael Picker is the assigned Commissioner and Hallie Yacknin is the assigned Administrative Law Judge and presiding officer in this proceeding.

**Finding of Fact**

The Commission requires additional time beyond the May 24, 2016, statutory deadline for deliberating this matter.

**Conclusions of Law**

1. The statutory deadline, as authorized by Decision 11-03-012 pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), should be extended by an additional 60 days to July 23, 2016.
2. The comment period should be waived pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(4).

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The statutory deadline, as authorized by Decision 11-03-012 pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5, is extended by an additional 60 days to July 23, 2016.

2. The comment period is waived pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(4).

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, at Sacramento, California.