

Decision 17-09-038 September 28, 2017

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) for Authorization to Recover Costs Related to the 2007 Southern California Wildfires Recorded in the Wildfire Expense Memorandum Account (WEMA).

Application 15-09-010
(September 25, 2015)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to April 11, 2018.

1. Background

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases opened prior to January 1, 2017, be resolved within 18 months of the date the Scoping Memo is issued, unless the Commission establishes an alternative timeline in the Scoping Memo or issues an order extending that deadline. The Scoping Ruling in Application (A.) 15-09-010 was issued on April 11, 2016, making the 18-month statutory deadline for this application October 11, 2017.

An order extending that statutory deadline is necessary in order to provide sufficient time to allow the Commission to vote on a proposed decision denying A.15-09-010. The proposed decision finds that San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) did not reasonably manage and operate its facilities prior to

the 2007 Southern California Wildfires and denies the utility's request to recover costs recorded in its Wildfire Expense Memorandum Account. A proposed decision denying A.15-09-010 was mailed on August 22, 2017.

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, pursuant to this rule, the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is waived.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Liane Randolph is the assigned Commissioner, S. Pat Tsen is the assigned Administrative Law Judge, and Sasha Goldberg is the assigned Administrative Law Judge Pro Tem to this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving this application is October 11, 2017.
2. An extension of time until April 11, 2018, is necessary to allow preparation of, circulation, review, and comment on a proposed decision resolving whether SDG&E reasonably managed and operated its facilities prior to the 2007 Southern California Wildfires and whether the utility can recover those costs recorded in its Wildfire Expense Memorandum Account.

Conclusions of Law

1. The statutory deadline imposed by Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a) should be extended until April 11, 2018.
2. This order should be effective immediately.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until April 11, 2018.

This order is effective today.

Dated September 28, 2017, at Chula Vista, California.

CARLA J. PETERMAN
LIANE M. RANDOLPH
MARTHA GUZMAN ACEVES
CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFFEN
Commissioners

Commissioner Michael Picker, being necessarily absent, did not participate.