

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

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

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue Implementation and Administration, and Consider Further Development, of California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Rulemaking 15-02-020  
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**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to August 4, 2018.

**1. Background**

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a)<sup>1</sup> 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. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(b), the Commission may also specify in a scoping memo a resolution date later than 18 months, if the scoping memo includes reasons for the necessity of a later date.

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<sup>1</sup> Rulemaking 15-02-020 was initiated prior to changes made to Pub. Util. Code §1701.5(a). These changes only apply to cases filed after December 31, 2016.

A Scoping Memo issued in this proceeding on May 22, 2015 established a 24-month deadline for resolving this rulemaking. The Amended Scoping Memo issued on February 5, 2016 further extended the deadline to February 4, 2018. An order extending that statutory deadline is necessary in order to provide sufficient time for preparation, circulation, review of, and comments on a future Commission decision on revisions to Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) enforcement rules in light of Senate Bill (SB) 350 (De León), Stats. 2015, Ch. 547.

## **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**

Clifford Rechtschaffen is the assigned Commissioner and Anne E. Simon, Robert M. Mason III, and Nilgun Atamturk are the co-assigned Administrative Law Judges in this proceeding.

## **Findings of Fact**

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving Rulemaking 15-02-020 is February 4, 2018.

2. An extension of time until August 4, 2018, is necessary to allow preparation, circulation, review of, and comments on a future Commission decision on revisions to Renewables Portfolio Standard enforcement rules in light of Senate Bill 350.

**Conclusions of Law**

1. The statutory deadline imposed by Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a) should be extended until August 4, 2018.
2. This order should be effective immediately.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until August 4, 2018.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, at San Francisco, California.