

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

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

Order Instituting Investigation Into the November 2016 Submission of San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Risk Assessment and Mitigation Phase.	Investigation 16-10-015
And Related Matter.	Investigation 16-10-016

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

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to October 28, 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 Ruling is issued unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline. The Scoping Ruling in Investigation (I.) 16-10-015 and I.16-10-016 was issued on January 11, 2017, making the statutory deadline for these investigations April 28, 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> These proceedings were filed prior to changes made to Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.5(a). These changes only apply to cases filed after December 31, 2016.

On October 27, 2016, the Commission on its own motion opened two Orders Instituting Investigations. The first one, I.16-10-015, into the November 2016 Submission of San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) Risk Assessment and Mitigation Phase, and the second one, I.16-10-016, into the November 2016 Submission of Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas) Risk Assessment and Mitigation Phase.

A Prehearing Conference was held on December 15, 2017, and the Scoping Ruling was issued on January 11, 2017, setting the scope, issues, schedule, and categorization of the proceeding. SDG&E and SoCalGas filed an Appeal of the Categorization (Appeal). Several parties filed responses in opposition to the Appeal and the Appeal was later denied.

On March 8, 2017, the Safety and Enforcement Division served on SDG&E a copy of its Risk Assessment and Safety Advisory Report and on SoCalGas, a copy of its Risk Assessment Mitigation Phase Analysis Report. These reports were included into the record and parties had the opportunity to comment after several requests for extension.

An order extending the statutory deadline is necessary to allow the Commission to review issues related to the Test Year 2019 General Rate Case Applications of SDG&E and SoCalGas, and to allow the Commission enough time to deliberate and to issue its final decision.

## **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 Rafael L. Lirag is the assigned Administrative Law Judge to this proceeding.

**Findings of Fact**

1. The Commission opened these investigations on October 27, 2016.
2. The current statutory deadline for resolving these investigations is April 28, 2018.
3. An order extending the statutory deadline is necessary to allow the Commission to review issues related to the Test Year 2019 General Rate Case Applications of SDG&E and SoCalGas, and to allow the Commission enough time to deliberate and to issue its final decision.

**Conclusions of Law**

1. The statutory deadline imposed by Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a) should be extended until October 28, 2018.
2. This order should be effective immediately.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until October 28, 2018.

This order is effective today.

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