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

Application of SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC  
COMPANY (U902E) for Authority to  
Implement Economic Development Rates.

Application 17-02-008

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

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to August 25, 2019.

**1. Background**

Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Section 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. Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 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.

The latest Scoping Memo issued in this proceeding on April 05, 2018 established the deadline for resolving this proceeding to be February 25, 2019.

On June 24, 2018 a majority of the active parties in the proceeding filed a joint motion for settlement. One party, Shell Energy North America, filed comments on the proposed settlement that advocated that the proposed settlement would result in a line item discount that would be discriminatory

towards unbundled electric customers in San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E) service territory.

Upon reviewing the settlement, there appears to be ambiguity regarding the treatment of unbundled electric customers in SDG&E's service territory that would be eligible for this discount.

The Commission calendared an evidentiary hearing (EH) for February 15, 2019 to address this ambiguity in the proposed settlement. The Applicant requested that the Commission reschedule the EH past March 13, 2019 due to scheduling conflicts and a medical necessity. The Commission responded to this request by off-calendaring the February 15, 2019 EH.

The Commission will be rescheduling the February 15, 2019 EH and will issue a proposed decision shortly after the EH is held. Therefore, an extension of the statutory deadline in this proceeding to August 25, 2019, is necessary.

## **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 on 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**

Martha Guzman-Aceves is the assigned Commissioner and Brian Stevens and Katherine Kwan MacDonald are the assigned Administrative Law Judges in this proceeding.

**Findings of Fact**

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving Application 17-02-008 is February 25, 2019.
2. An extension of time until August 25, 2019 is necessary to issue and allow the Commission to hold an evidentiary hearing and issue a proposed decision on the proposed settlement in this proceeding.

**Conclusions of Law**

1. The statutory deadline imposed by Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a) should be extended to August 25, 2019.
2. This order should be effective immediately.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended to August 25, 2019.

This order is effective today.

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