

Decision 11-12-046 December 15, 2011

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission’s Own Motion to actively promote the development of transmission infrastructure to provide access to renewable energy resources for California.

Investigation 08-03-010
(Filed March 13, 2008)

And Related Matter.

Rulemaking 08-03-009

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5 provides that ratemaking matters such as these applications shall be resolved within 18 months of issuance of the scoping memo for the proceeding, unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline.

In these consolidated proceedings, a scoping memo was issued on January 12, 2010, indicating that due to the number of issues to be addressed on which the actions and input of other agencies and groups may be relevant, it was prudent to allow 24 months from the date of the scoping memo for the resolution of these proceedings.

Since the Scoping Memo was issued, there have been many significant developments with respect to the subject matter of these proceedings. One of

these developments is the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 1954 (Skinner), Stats. 2010, ch. 460, amending Pub. Util. Code section 399.2.5. Comments on AB 1954 have been filed, and a proposed decision is being prepared. The resolution date for these consolidated proceedings is January 12, 2012. In order to allow careful consideration of the proposed decision, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until March 12, 2012 is necessary.

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 decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. We waive the period for public review and comment pursuant to this rule.

Assignment of Proceeding

Mark J. Ferron is the assigned Commissioner and Anne E. Simon is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in these consolidated proceedings.

Finding of Fact

1. Comments on AB 1954 have been filed.
2. An extension of time until March 12, 2012, is necessary in order to allow careful consideration of the proposed decision.

Conclusions of Law

1. Pursuant to the authority granted the Commission under Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline for these consolidated proceedings should be extended to March 12, 2012.

2. Pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(4), the comment period for the proposed decision should be waived.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for these consolidated proceedings be extended to March 12, 2012.

This order is effective today.

Dated December 15, 2011, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL R. PEEVEY

President

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Commissioners