

Decision 12-04-034 April 19, 2012

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO NATURAL GAS STORAGE, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Construction and Operation of Natural Gas Storage Facilities and Requests for Related Determinations.

Application 07-04-013
(Filed April 9, 2007)

DECISION EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a)¹ provides that ratesetting cases must be resolved within 18 months of the date the Scoping Memo is issued unless the Commission makes findings as to why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. In this proceeding, the 18-month deadline for resolving this matter is April 25, 2012.²

Pursuant to § 311(d), a proposed decision (PD) and alternate proposed decision (APD) were filed with the Commission and served upon all parties to the proceeding on March 9, 2012, and it is possible that the Commission may resolve this proceeding within the 18-month statutory deadline. Nevertheless, this decision extending the statutory deadline for this proceeding is issued to

¹ All statutory references are to the Public Utilities Code unless otherwise indicated.

² The Third Amended Scoping Memo in this proceeding was issued on October 25, 2010.

ensure the Commission has an opportunity to fully consider the PD and APD, including time to consider other alternate decisions, if the Commission chooses to do so.

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, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment on an extension order issued pursuant to § 1701.5(a) is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Timothy Alan Simon is the assigned Commissioner and Richard Smith is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The Third Amended Scoping Memo in this proceeding was issued on October 25, 2010.
2. The normal 18-month statutory deadline for resolving this ratesetting proceeding is April 25, 2012.
3. An additional 60-day extension for resolving this proceeding is required to ensure the Commission has an opportunity to fully consider the PD and APD, including time to consider other alternate decisions, if the Commission chooses to do so.

Conclusion of Law

Effective immediately, the 18-month statutory deadline imposed by § 1701.5(a) should be extended for a period of 60 days beyond April 25, 2012.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The 18-month statutory deadline in this proceeding, April 25, 2012, is extended until June 24, 2012.
2. Application 07-04-013 remains open.

This order is effective today.

Dated April 19, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL R. PEEVEY
President
TIMOTHY ALAN SIMON
MICHEL PETER FLORIO
CATHERINE J.K. SANDOVAL
MARK J. FERRON
Commissioners