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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to
Establish Energization Timelines.

Rulemaking 24-01-018

**EMAIL RULING ADJUSTING PHASE 1 SCHEDULE AND ADDRESSING
THE APRIL 2, 2024 JOINT INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES' MOTION**

Dated April 8, 2024, at San Francisco, California.

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Subject: R.24-01-018: Email Ruling adjusting Phase 1 Schedule and addressing the April 2, 2024
Joint IOU Motion

To the Service List of R.24-01-018:

On April 2, 2024, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company, collectively, the Joint investor-owned utilities (Joint IOUs) filed a request seeking extensions and changes to the Phase 1 schedule adopted in the Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo) in Rulemaking (R.) 24-01-018. The Joint IOUs also requested an extension of time to comply with the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Ruling issued on March 21, 2024, which directed the IOUs to respond to specific questions regarding their energization processes. Finally, the Joint IOU's request sought an expansion of the page limit for opening comments on the Scoping Memo.

As noted in the April 3, 2024, ALJ Ruling, the Joint IOUs' request referred to Rule 11.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which should only apply to requests for extensions of timelines established in ALJ or Commissioner Rulings. The Joint IOUs' request also asked for substantive changes to the Scoping Memo's schedule and an extension of page limits for opening comments on the Scoping Memo. The April 3, 2024, ALJ Ruling offered parties an opportunity to file and serve any responses to the Joint IOUs' requests by no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on April 5, 2024. After reviewing party comments, we partially grant the Joint IOUs' request as described below.

1. Extension of time for Joint IOU Response to Energization Questions

The Joint IOUs noted that an extension of time to respond to the March 21, 2024, ALJ Ruling (ALJ Ruling) would enable the three large utilities to coordinate their responses more effectively. Separately, the Joint IOUs suggested that

providing parties time to review their responses to the ALJ Ruling prior to having parties submit comments on the Scoping Ruling would help expedite this proceeding.

We find it reasonable to extend the deadline for the Joint IOUs to respond to the ALJ Ruling, but direct them to file a consolidated response, as suggested in the Joint IOUs' request.

Pursuant to the [March 21, 2024, ALJ Ruling](#), the Joint IOUs shall file joint responses to questions 1-2 of the ALJ Ruling, but the consolidated response shall have separate IOU data for questions 3-6. If necessary, a separate version of the Joint IOU response can be filed confidentially to Energy Division staff and the ALJs.

The consolidated response to the ALJ Ruling is due April 22, 2024. The adjusted deadline is reflected in the updated schedule for Phase 1 below.

2. Extension of Time to File Comments on the Scoping Ruling

To facilitate the Joint IOUs' request to extend the timing of their responses to the ALJ Ruling, it is reasonable to also extend the deadlines for parties to file opening and reply comments. Opening comments will be due on May 3, 2024; responses will be due May 17, 2024.

3. Deletion of Items from the Scoping Memo Schedule

The Joint IOUs requested that the Status Conference (previously set for May 1, 2024) and the placeholder for Evidentiary Hearing be removed from the Phase 1 schedule. The Joint IOUs suggested that a workshop could be held in lieu of hearings.

We believe the status conference is still necessary. We delay it to May 21, 2024, to allow time for parties to review comments prior to determining whether additional testimony or other data collection efforts are necessary for Phase 1 of

this proceeding. If, after the status conference, we determine additional information is beneficial to complete Phase 1 of this Rulemaking, the ALJs will work with Commission staff and the Assigned Commissioner to determine the best way to gather further necessary information from parties.

4. Expansion of Opening Comment Page Limits

The Joint IOUs requested the Commission expand the page limit for opening comments on the Scoping Memo by five pages (from 15 to 20). The additional time granted in this ruling should ensure that parties and the Joint IOUs can limit their discussion in opening comments on the Scoping Memo to the existing 15-page limit.

5. Updated Phase 1 Schedule

Below is the updated Phase 1 Schedule:

Joint IOU consolidated response to March 21, 2024, ALJ Ruling	April 22, 2024
Opening Comments on Phase 1 Scoping Memo Issues Filed and Served	May 3, 2024
Reply Comments on Phase 1 Scoping Memo Issues Filed and Served	May 17, 2024
Status Conference	May 21, 2024
Proposed Decision	July 2024
Commission Decision	September 2024

IT IS RULED that:

1. The utilities' request to extend the deadline to respond to the March 21, 2024, Administrative Law Judge Ruling from April 15 to April 22, 2024, is granted.

2. Opening comments on the Scoping Memo and Ruling issued on March 28, 2024, shall not exceed 15 pages, and are due on May 3, 2024.

3. The Phase 1 schedule defined in Section 5 above is adopted.

The Docket Office shall formally file this ruling.

Carolyn Sisto
Administrative Law Judge
California Public Utilities Commission

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