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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of The Utility Reform
Network for Award of Intervenor
Compensation for Substantial
Contributions to Resolution SPD-37.

Application 26-01-025

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S SCOPING MEMO AND RULING

This scoping memo and ruling sets forth the issues, need for hearing, schedule, category, and other matters necessary to scope this proceeding pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1701.1 and Article 7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules).

1. Procedural Background

On December 4, 2025, the Commission issued Resolution SPD-37,¹ which builds on earlier Resolution SPD-15.² SPD-15 implements Senate Bill (SB) 884 Program: CPUC Guidelines addressing the process and requirements for the Commission's review of any large electrical corporation's 10-year distribution infrastructure undergrounding plan and conditional approval of its related costs.

On January 29, 2026, The Utility Reform Network (TURN) filed an application for award of intervenor compensation for substantial contributions to Resolution SPD-37.

¹ Resolution SPD-37 at <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M589/K953/589953368.pdf>

² Resolution SPD-15 at <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M526/K984/526984185.pdf>

A prehearing conference (PHC) was held on April 2, 2026, to address the issues of law and fact, determine the need for hearing, set the schedule for resolving the matter, and address other matters as necessary. After considering the application and discussion at the PHC, I have determined the issues and initial schedule of the proceeding to be set forth in this scoping memo. I have also determined that no environmental and social justice issues have been raised at this time.

2. Issues

The issues to be determined or otherwise considered are:

1. Is TURN eligible to receive intervenor compensation?
2. Is the intervenor compensation application timely?
3. If TURN's intervenor compensation claim is timely, did TURN make substantial contributions to Resolution SPD-37?
4. If TURN made substantial contributions to Resolution SPD-37 what is the reasonable compensation for the contributions?

3. Need for Evidentiary Hearing

There are no issues of material disputed fact. Accordingly, no evidentiary hearing is needed.

4. Schedule

This matter is submitted. The proposed decision is expected to be filed no later than 90 days from today for public review and comment pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 311(d) except that, if it grants the uncontested requested relief, public review and comment shall be waived pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(2).

5. Category of Proceeding and Ex Parte Restrictions

This ruling confirms the Commission’s preliminary determination³ that this is a ratesetting proceeding. Accordingly, ex parte communications are restricted and must be reported pursuant to Article 8 of the Rules.

6. Public Outreach

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1711(a), where feasible and appropriate, before determining the scope of the proceeding, the Commission sought the participation of those likely to be affected, including those likely to derive benefit from, and those potentially subject to, a decision in this proceeding. This matter was noticed on the Commission’s daily calendar. Where feasible and appropriate, this matter was incorporated into engagements conducted by the Commission’s External Affairs Division with local governments and other interested parties.

7. Response to Public Comments

Parties may, but are not required to, respond to written comments received from the public. Parties may do so by posting such response using the “Add Public Comment” button on the “Public Comment” tab of the online docket card for the proceeding.

8. Public Advisor

Any person interested in participating in this proceeding who is unfamiliar with the Commission’s procedures or has questions about the electronic filing procedures is encouraged to obtain more information at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/about-cpuc/divisions/news-and-public-information-office/public-advisors-office> or contact the Commission’s Public Advisor at

³ Resolution ALJ-176-3577 at <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M601/K158/601158392.PDF>.

866-849-8390 or 866-836-7825 (TTY), or send an e-mail to

public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

9. Filing, Service, and Service List

The official service list has been created and is on the Commission's website. Parties should confirm that their information on the service list is correct and serve notice of any errors on the Commission's Process office, the service list, and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). Persons may become a party pursuant to Rule 1.4.⁴

When serving any document, each party must ensure that it is using the current official service list on the Commission's website.

This proceeding will follow the electronic service protocol set forth in Rule 1.10. All parties to this proceeding shall serve documents and pleadings using electronic mail, whenever possible, transmitted no later than 5:00 p.m., on the date scheduled for service to occur.

When serving documents on the ALJ, Commissioners, or Commissioners personal advisors, whether or not they are on the official service list, parties must only provide electronic service. Parties must not send hard copies of documents to the ALJ, Commissioners, or Commissioners personal advisors unless specifically instructed to do so.

Persons who are not parties but wish to receive electronic service of documents filed in the proceeding may contact the Process Office at process_office@cpuc.ca.gov to request addition to the "Information Only" category of the official service list pursuant to Rule 1.9(f).

⁴ The form to request additions and changes to the Service list may be found at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/administrative-law-judge-division/documents/additiontoservicelisttranscriptordercompliant.pdf>

The Commission encourages those who seek information-only status on the service list to consider the Commission's subscription service as an alternative. The subscription service sends individual notifications to each subscriber of formal e-filings tendered and accepted by the Commission. Notices sent through subscription service are less likely to be flagged by spam or other filters. Notifications can be for a specific proceeding, a range of documents and daily or weekly digests.

10. Receiving Electronic Service from the Commission

Parties and other persons on the service list are advised that it is the responsibility of each person or entity on the service list for Commission proceedings to ensure their ability to receive e-mails from the Commission. Please add "@cpuc.ca.gov" to your email safe sender list and update your e-mail screening practices, settings and filters to ensure receipt of emails from the Commission.

11. Assignment of Proceeding

Commissioner Karen Douglas is the assigned Commissioner and Eric Fredericks is the assigned ALJ for the proceeding.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The scope of this proceeding is described above and is adopted.
2. The schedule of this proceeding is set forth above and is adopted.
3. Evidentiary hearing is not needed.
4. The category of the proceeding is ratesetting.

Dated April 29, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KAREN DOUGLAS

Karen Douglas
Assigned Commissioner