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Order Instituting Rulemaking to
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California.

Rulemaking 25-09-004

**EMAIL RULING MODIFYING BRIDGE
YEAR SCHEDULE – R.25-09-004**

Dated July 7, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

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To the Service List of Ratemaking 25-09-004:

The record for the bridge year funding issue, included in the February 12, 2026, Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling, is submitted based on the parties' comments and the joint case management statement. As such, I am modifying the schedule announced in the April 8, 2026, ALJ Ruling to eliminate the following from the schedule: testimony, evidentiary hearing, and briefs.

- Testimony is not needed. Only the Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates) requested testimony to oppose increasing the Emergency Load Reduction Program (ELRP) budget; however, I am not inclined to change the ELRP budget at this time.
- Evidentiary hearing is not needed. No party provided a list of disputed material facts and an explanation of why an evidentiary hearing is needed to address disputed material facts, as required by the March 10, 2026, ALJ Ruling. Moreover, as stated above, I am not inclined to change the ELRP budget at this time, so Cal Advocates' concerns do not necessitate this process.
- Briefs are not needed. The record on the bridge year funding issue is submitted at this time as there are no disputed material facts or questions of law.

It is so ruled.

The Commission's Docket Office shall formally file this ruling.

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