

Decision 16-02-025 February 25, 2016

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Compliance Review of Utility Owned Generation Operations, Electric Energy Resource Recovery Account Entries, Contract Administration, Economic Dispatch of Electric Resources, Utility Retained Generation Fuel Procurement, and Other Activities for the Period January 1 through December 31, 2013. (U39E).

Application 14-02-008
(Filed February 28, 2014)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to April 30, 2016.

1. Background

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases must be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days. In this proceeding, the November 24, 2015 amended scoping memo extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding to March 1, 2016.

On February 28, 2014, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) filed Application (A.) 14-02-008, its *Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Compliance Review of Utility Owned Generation Operations, Electric Energy Resource*

Recovery Account Entries, Contract Administration, Economic Dispatch of Electric Resources, Utility Retained Generation Fuel Procurement, and Other Activities for the Period January 1 through December 31, 2013 (Application). On April 1 and April 3, 2014, the application was protested by the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA), respectively. PG&E filed timely replies to the protests. A prehearing conference was held on May 19, 2014. Evidentiary hearings were held on September 8, 2014, and briefs and reply briefs were filed on October 3, 2014 and October 17, 2014, respectively.

On November 2, 2015, PG&E and ORA filed a joint motion to remove a contested issue from the proceeding. On November 24, 2015 the scoping memo was modified to remove this issue and the statutory deadline was extended to March 1, 2016 in order to provide time to incorporate the changes necessary due to the amended scope of this proceeding. The proposed decision is expected to be issued in March, 2016. In order to provide the parties time to comment on the proposed decision and the Commission time to consider and issue a final decision, an extension of time is necessary. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until April 30, 2016, is necessary.

2. 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 is being waived.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Michel Peter Florio is the assigned Commissioner and Stephen C. Roscow is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The statutory deadline for resolving this ratesetting proceeding is March 1, 2016.
2. A proposed decision is expected to be issued in late March, 2016.
3. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline is necessary to provide sufficient time for review and to issue a final decision.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to April 30, 2016.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until April 30, 2016.
2. Application 14-02-008 remains open.

This order is effective today.

Dated February 25, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL PICKER
President
MICHEL PETER FLORIO
CATHERINE J.K. SANDOVAL
CARLA J. PETERMAN
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Commissioners