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Decision 22-05-021 May 19, 2022

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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| In the Matter of the Application of Crimson California Pipeline L.P. (PLC-26) for Authority to Increase Rates for Its Crude Oil Pipeline Services. | Application 20-06-009 |

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline for completion of Application (A.) 20-06-009 until October 7, 2022.

1. **Background**

Public Utilities (Pub. Util) Code Section 1701.5(a) provides that the Commission shall resolve the issues raised in the scoping memo of a ratesetting proceeding within 18 months of the date the proceeding is initiated, unless the Commission makes a written determination that the deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. Pursuant to Commission Decision

(D.) 21-12-059, the current deadline for completion of A. 20-06-009 is

May 31, 2022.

On June 29, 2020, Crimson Pipeline L.P. (PLC-26)[[1]](#footnote-2) (hereinafter Crimson) filed Application (A.) 20-06-009 with the Commission requesting authority to increase rates on its KLM Pipeline System by ten percent (10%), with an effective date of August 1, 2020. Crimson contemporaneously filed Tier 1 Advice Letter (AL) 38-O with the Commission’s Energy Division on June 29, 2020. The KLM Pipeline System consists of 295 miles of long-haul pipe running from points in the San Joaquin Valley production area to San Francisco Bay refinery connections.

Commissioner Liane M. Randolph and Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Andrea D. McGary were assigned to this proceeding on July 16, 2020. No protest or response were filed.

The assigned ALJ held a Prehearing Conference on December 3, 2020, 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.

On March 5, 2021, Commissioner Darcie L. Houck was assigned in place of prior Commissioner Liane M. Randolph in the instant proceeding. The *Assigned Commissioner’s Scoping Memo and Ruling* was issued on September 1, 2021 (Scoping Memo). Pursuant to December 16, 2021 *Order Extending Statutory Deadline*, the current deadline for completion of this proceeding is May 31, 2022.[[2]](#footnote-3)

It is expected that a proposed decision addressing the matters in this proceeding will issue in the very near future. With that expected timing of the proposed decision and other competing Commission priorities, we find that an additional four months, beyond the current May 31, 2022 deadline, is necessary to afford the Commission adequate time to thoughtfully deliberate and issue its final decision.

# Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may waive the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment on a decision extending the deadline for resolving the issues raised in the scoping memo in a ratesetting or

quasi-legislative proceedings set forth in Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.5. Under the circumstances of this proceeding, it is appropriate to waive the 30-day period for public review and comment.

# Assignment of Proceeding

Darcie L. Houck is the assigned Commissioner and Andrea D. McGary is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. A.20-06-009 was filed with the Commission on June 29, 2020.
2. The Assigned Commissioner’s Scoping Memo and Ruling was issued on September 1, 2021 (Scoping Memo).
3. The current statutory deadline for resolving ratesetting proceeding

A.20-06-009 is May 31, 2022.

1. A statutory extension until October 7, 2022, is reasonable and necessary to allow time for resolution of all issues identified in the Scoping Memo and entry of a final decision.

Conclusion of Law

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

May 31, 2022.

**IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. The statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended until October 7, 2022.
2. The thirty (30) day period for review and comment on this Order is waived.
3. This proceeding shall remain open.

This order is effective today.

Dated May 19, 2022, at Sacramento, California.

ALICE REYNOLDS

President

CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFFEN

GENEVIEVE SHIROMA

DARCIE L. HOUCK

JOHN R.D. REYNOLDS

Commissioners

1. Crimson is a limited partnership located in Long Beach, California (Crimson). Crimson owns and operates an oil pipeline corporation which transports petroleum products owned by other companies. As an oil pipeline utility, Crimson’s transportation rates and terms of service for transport of petroleum products owned by other companies is regulated by the Commission. (*See* Pub. Util. Code Section 455.3.) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *See* D.21-12-059 extending original statutory deadline from December 29, 2021 to May 31, 2022. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)