

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

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

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Approval for Its Building Electrification Programs.

Application 21-12-009

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to March 20, 2024.

**1. Background**

On December 20, 2021, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed Application (A.) 21-12-009 for authorization to spend \$667.2 million on its proposed building electrification program. Over four years (2024-2027), SCE proposes to install approximately 250,000 electric heat pumps and electrical upgrades for 65,000 households, with an emphasis on low-income and environmental and social justice communities. SCE proposes to use approximately 88 percent of the funds for its residential customers. SCE proposes to use the remaining 12 percent to provide electrical upgrades for non-residential customers, with an emphasis on businesses located in environmental and social justice communities.

Evidentiary hearings were held from October 18 through October 20, 2022. Opening and reply briefs were due on November 21, 2022, and December 15,

2022, respectively. On November 17, 2022, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) granted an unopposed motion to extend due dates for opening and reply briefs (to December 15, 2022, and January 20, 2023, respectively) to allow additional time for parties to coordinate and explore settlement options as well as ways to narrow disputed issues. The parties did not reach a settlement.

Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Section 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting proceedings must be resolved within 18 months of initiation unless the Commission makes findings why that deadline cannot be met.

A.21-12-009 involves complex building decarbonization issues, including building electrification program design, cost recovery, and environmental and social justice considerations. As noted above, the parties also requested, and were allowed, additional time to discuss settlement and ways to streamline the disputed issues. Additionally, on April 19, 2023, an Assigned Commissioner's ruling was issued, setting aside submission of the record in this proceeding, and providing a schedule for the remainder of the proceeding. The ruling ordered SCE, and encouraged other parties, to serve supplemental testimony based on the specific questions attached to the ruling. Parties served proposed supplemental testimony on May 10, 2023. To allow for the review of the additional information in the supplemental testimony ordered and to afford the Commission sufficient time to fully consider the record, and all parties' perspectives, and to thoughtfully analyze the issues, it is necessary to extend the statutory deadline to March 20, 2024.

## **2. 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 that extends the 18-month deadline

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

**3. Assignment of Proceeding**

Karen Douglas is the assigned Commissioner and Zhen Zhang is the assigned Administrative Law Judge and the presiding officer in this proceeding.

**Findings of Fact**

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving A.21-12-009 is June 20, 2023.
2. A.21-12-009 cannot be completed by June 20, 2023.
3. An extension of the statutory deadline to March 20, 2024, is necessary to allow adequate time to complete this proceeding.

**Conclusion of Law**

1. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to March 20, 2024.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended to March 20, 2024.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, at San Francisco, California.