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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Pablo Bay Pipeline
Company LLC (PLC-29) for
authorization to suspend heated
service.

Application 21-12-005

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to August 31, 2023.

1. Background and Justification

Public Utilities Code (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 the deadline. The original 18-month statutory deadline for resolving this application is June 13, 2023. The application in this proceeding was filed on December 13, 2021.

The application is unopposed. The application requests authority to suspend heated service for one particularly viscous crude oil type for a period of four months (December through March) until proper safety testing of updated heating equipment can be properly tested and is found in sound and safe working order.

On March 29, 2022, the assigned Commissioner issued a scoping memo and ruling without setting a specific date for resolution of the proceeding but indicating that the fourth quarter of 2022 would be a target time for a decision to be issued.

A proposed decision on this application will soon be issued and may be adopted at the June 8, 2023 voting meeting and before the current statutory deadline of June 13, 2023. However, in abundance of caution, this extension of the statutory deadline for approximately ten weeks, from June 13, 2023 to August 31, 2023, will allow adequate time for the Commission to review the proposed decision then deliberate and ultimately adopt its final decision in this proceeding.

2. Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14 (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 resolution date set by an assigned Commissioner in a scoping memo pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.5(b). Under the circumstances of this proceeding, it is appropriate to waive the 30-day period for public review and comment.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Genevieve Shiroma is the assigned Commissioner and Charles Ferguson is the assigned ALJ and the presiding officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving proceeding Application (A.) 21-12-005 is June 13, 2023.
2. Proceeding A.21-12-005 cannot be completed by June 13, 2023.

3. An extension of the statutory deadline to August 31, 2023, is necessary to allow adequate time for the Commission to resolve the proceeding.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission in Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to August 31, 2023.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended to August 31, 2023.

This order is effective today.

Dated May __, 2023, at San Francisco, California.