

Decision 23-12-025 December 14, 2023

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902-E) for Approval of: (i) Contract Administration, Least-Cost Dispatch and Power Procurement Activities in 2020, (ii) Costs Related to those Activities Recorded to the Energy Resource Recovery Account, Portfolio Allocation Balancing Account, Power Charge Indifference Adjustment Undercollection Balancing Account, Transition Cost Balancing Account, and Local Generating Balancing Account in 2020, and (iii) Costs Recorded in Related Regulatory Accounts in 2020

Application 21-06-004

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to March 1, 2024.

1. Background

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 that deadline. The current statutory deadline for resolving this application is December 31, 2023.

On June 1, 2021, San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) filed this application.

A prehearing conference was held on August 4, 2021, to discuss the issues of law and fact and to determine the need for hearing and schedule for resolving the matter.

The assigned Commissioner issued the Scoping Memo and Ruling on August 13, 2021, which bifurcated the proceeding into two phases. Each phase of the proceeding addresses a different set of issues.

On May 5, 2022, Decision (D.) 22-05-006 resolved the issues in Phase One of the proceeding.

On September 15, 2022, D.22-09-014 extended the statutory deadline of this proceeding to December 31, 2023.

The proceeding remains open to address issues in Phase Two.

2. Extension of Statutory Deadline is Appropriate

Phase Two of this proceeding addresses issues related to unrealized sales and revenues resulting from SDG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events in 2020. Phase Two of this proceeding has not yet begun. An extension of the statutory deadline to March 1, 2024, is appropriate to allow the Commission sufficient time to resolve this proceeding.

3. 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 on the proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

4. Assignment of Proceeding

John Reynolds is the assigned Commissioner and Elaine Lau is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. This application was filed by SDG&E on June 1, 2021.
2. A prehearing conference was held on August 4, 2021.
3. On August 13, 2021, the Scoping Memo and Ruling was issued.
4. On May 5, 2022, D.22-05-006 resolved the issues in Phase One of the proceeding.
5. D.22-09-014 extended the statutory deadline of this proceeding to December 31, 2023.
6. This proceeding remains open to address issues in Phase Two.
7. Phase Two of this proceeding has not yet begun.
8. An extension of the statutory deadline to March 1, 2024, is appropriate to allow the Commission sufficient time to resolve this proceeding.

Conclusion of Law

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

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until March 1, 2024.

This order is effective today.

Dated December 14, 2023, at San Francisco, California.

ALICE REYNOLDS

President

DARCIE L. HOUCK

JOHN REYNOLDS

KAREN DOUGLAS

Commissioners

Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the vote of this item.