Decision 25-04-037 April 24, 2025

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Authority to Proceed Under General Order 69-C with a Site Marketing and Access Agreement and SCEs Assignment of Existing Agreements or, in the Alternative, Approval of the Same Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851.

Application 23-11-002

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding until November 5, 2025.

1. Background

Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Section 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting proceedings shall be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued, unless the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) makes a written determination that the deadline cannot be met, including findings as to the reason, and issues an order extending the deadline.

On November 2, 2023, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed Application (A.) 23-11-002, declaring their intent to: (1) contract with a third-party broker to market, execute, and manage contracts with wireless

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communications carriers and wireless telecommunications site management companies ("Carriers") to attach or install telecommunications infrastructure on temporarily available space on SCE's property, and (2) assign to that third-party broker certain rights associated with existing contracts (Legacy 851 Agreements) between SCE and various Carriers (Proposed Transaction). SCE seeks Commission confirmation that the Proposed Transaction meets the requirements laid out in General Order 69-C and is therefore exempt from the requirement to file an application under Pub. Util. Code Section 851 or, alternatively, Commission approval of the Proposed Transaction under Section 851. SCE also asks the Commission to remove certain conditions and reporting requirements imposed on the Legacy 851 Agreements.

The current statutory deadline to resolve A.23-11-002 is May 2, 2025. A.23-11-002 cannot be completed by May 2, 2025. Therefore, the statutory deadline for A.23-11-002 should be extended to November 5, 2025, to allow adequate time to review the record and write the proposed decision.

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 deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings, pursuant to 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.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Karen Douglas is the assigned Commissioner and Andrew Dugowson is the assigned ALJ and the presiding officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

- 1. The current statutory deadline for resolving A.23-11-002 is May 2, 2025.
- 2. A.23-11-002 cannot be completed by May 2, 2025.
- 3. An extension of the statutory deadline to November 5, 2025, is necessary to allow adequate time to complete this proceeding.

Conclusions 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 until November 5, 2025.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended until November 5, 2025.

This order is effective today.

Dated April 24, 2025, at Sacramento, California.

ALICE REYNOLDS
President
DARCIE L. HOUCK
JOHN REYNOLDS
KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioners

Commissioner Matthew Baker recused himself and did not participate in the vote of this item.