

Decision 25-10-014 October 9, 2025

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

In the Matter of the Application of  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON  
COMPANY (U-338E) for a Certificate of  
Public Convenience and Necessity for the  
Alberhill System Project.

Application 09-09-022

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**

**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to  
March 27, 2026.

**1. Background and Justification**

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed the instant application on September 30, 2009, seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct the Alberhill System Project. Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Section 1701.5, as written at the time the application was filed, provided that ratesetting proceedings shall be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued, unless the scoping memo sets a later date.<sup>1</sup> The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) may also, upon making a

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<sup>1</sup> The statute was amended in 2016 by Senate Bill 215, effective January 1, 2017, to provide for the deadline to run from the date that the proceeding is initiated.

written determination that the deadline cannot be met, including findings as to the reason, issue an order extending the deadline. The current statutory deadline for this proceeding is October 31, 2025.

In this case, the scoping memo issued on June 19, 2017, established a statutory deadline of December 19, 2018, by which to resolve the matter. Within this deadline, the Commission prepared an Environmental Impact Report, conducted evidentiary hearing, took briefing and oral argument on the matter, and adopted Decision (D.) 18-08-026 on August 23, 2018, taking no action on the application at that time (Ordering Paragraph 3) and directing SCE to supplement the record with additional analyses of alternatives which may serve the needs of the Valley South system (Ordering Paragraph 4).

Since D.18-08-026, SCE has filed its second amended application, followed by a third amended application. The third amended application, filed in 2023, included technical design modifications and engineering refinements to the Alberhill System Project, and an amended Proponent's Environmental Assessment analyzing the revised scope of the project.

In 2024, the Commission's Energy Division published the Addendum Environmental Impact Report (Addendum EIR). The Addendum EIR incorporates and considers the September 29, 2023 Final Staff Report, additional alternatives provided by SCE in its Third Amended Application, and the Third Amended Proponent's Environmental Assessment (Third Amended PEA). The Addendum EIR is to be considered with the certified 2017 Final EIR. Given the length of time that has passed between EIR and Addendum EIR, a prehearing conference was held on Friday, September 27, 2024. At the prehearing conference, the parties discussed the need for discovery and testimony. On

October 31, 2024, the parties were given permission to conduct limited discovery and serve supplemental testimony in the first quarter of 2025.

The Commission held an evidentiary hearing on August 29, 2025. Briefs are due in the last quarter of 2025. To give the Commission adequate time to consider the record, it is reasonable to extend the statutory deadline to March 27, 2026.

## **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. Under the circumstances of this proceeding, it is appropriate to waive the 30-day period for public review and comment.

## **3. Assignment of Proceeding**

John Reynolds 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 Application (A.) 09-09-022 is October 31, 2025.
2. A.09-09-022 cannot be completed by October 31, 2025.
3. An extension of the statutory deadline to March 27, 2026, 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 to March 27, 2026.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended to March 27, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated October 9, 2025, at Bellflower, California.

ALICE REYNOLDS

President

DARCIE L. HOUCK

JOHN REYNOLDS

KAREN DOUGLAS

Commissioners

Commissioner Matthew Baker recused himself from this agenda item and was not part of the quorum in its consideration.