

Decision 26-02-015 February 5, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for a Commission Finding that its Procurement-Related and Other Operations for the Record Period January 1 Through December 31, 2023 Complied with its Adopted Procurement Plan; for Verification of its Entries in the Energy Resource Recovery Account and Other Regulatory Accounts; and for a decrease of \$63.195 million in revenue requirement due to a net overcollection recorded in seven accounts.

Application 24-04-001

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadlines in this proceeding pursuant to Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) Section 8386.4(b)(2) and Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) to July 31, 2026.

1. Background and Justification

Pub. Util. Code § 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 this proceeding is February 15, 2026.

On April 2, 2024, Applicant Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed Application (A.) 24-04-001. SCE seeks (1) a California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) finding that its procurement-related and other operations for the record period January 1 through December 31, 2023 complied with its Adopted Procurement Plan; (2) verification of its entries in the Energy Resource Recovery Account and other regulatory accounts; and (3) a decrease of \$63.195 million in revenue requirement due to a net overcollection recorded in seven accounts. The Commission preliminarily categorized this as a ratesetting proceeding pursuant to Resolution ALJ-176, filed April 18, 2024.

On May 8, 2024, the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates) and the California Community Choice Association filed separate protests to the Application. SCE filed a reply to both protests on May 20, 2024.

Pursuant to the assigned Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ's) July 2, 2024 ruling, the parties filed a Joint Prehearing Conference Statement on July 15, 2024. A prehearing conference was held on July 19, 2024 to address the issues of law and fact, determine the need for hearing, set the schedule for resolving the matter, and address other matters as necessary.

On September 20, 2024, the assigned Commissioner issued the scoping memo and ruling that set the category of this proceeding as ratesetting, determined that an evidentiary hearing was needed and set forth the schedule for this proceeding.

The assigned ALJ held a status conference on March 7, 2025, and, afterwards, issued a ruling updating the proceeding schedule on March 11, 2025. At that status conference, the parties advised the assigned ALJ, *inter alia*, that they proposed to forego an evidentiary hearing in favor of party briefs addressing contested issues in this proceeding; stipulated to receipt of prepared testimony and exhibits in to the record without direct or cross-examination of witnesses; and proposed to submit motions to offer evidence into the record prior to submitting party briefs.

On April 10, 2025, SCE and Cal Advocates filed their respective motions to admit evidence into the record and to seal portions of that record. On April 14, 2025, SCE and Cal Advocates filed public versions of their respective opening briefs, accompanied by motions to file confidential versions of those briefs under seal.

On April 28, 2025, SCE and Cal Advocates filed their respective public reply briefs and SCE filed a motion file its confidential reply brief.

On June 6, 2025, SCE filed its proof of compliance under Rule 3.2.

On August 28, 2025, Decision 25-08-040 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding until February 15, 2026.

The Commission requires additional time beyond the February 15, 2026 deadline to review and analyze the record, motions to admit evidence, motions file confidential materials under seal, consider public and confidential party briefs, and to prepare and issue a decision in this proceeding. Consequently, the statutory deadline should be extended until July 31, 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 pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 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

John Reynolds is the assigned Commissioner and Jeffrey Lee is the assigned Administrative Law Judge and the presiding officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The current statutory deadline for resolving A.24-04-001 is February 15, 2026.
2. A.24-04-001 cannot be completed by February 15, 2026
3. An extension of the statutory deadline until July 31, 2026, is necessary to allow adequate time to complete this proceeding.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 8386.4(b)(2) and Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to July 31, 2026.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended until July 31, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated February 5, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

ALICE REYNOLDS

President

DARCIE L. HOUCK

JOHN REYNOLDS

KAREN DOUGLAS

MATTHEW BAKER

Commissioners