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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Green Power Institute for award of intervenor compensation for substantial contributions to Resolution Numbers SPD-15, SPD-20, SPD-24, and SPD-25.

Application 24-04-018

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding until February 26, 2027.

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 this proceeding is August 31, 2026.

The Commission's Safety Policy Division (SPD) is tasked with reviewing and approving utilities' activities related to implementing the Wildfire Mitigation Plans (WMP) as adopted by the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS).

On January 25, 2024, the Commission adopted Resolution (Res.) SPD-15, which established a program and program guidelines for expediting the

undergrounding of the distribution equipment of large electrical corporations pursuant to Senate Bill 884.

On February 15, 2024, the Commission adopted Res. SPD-20, which ratified OEIS' decision, issued on December 29, 2023, which approved the 2023-2025 WMP initially submitted by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) on March 27, 2023.

On March 22, 2024, the Commission adopted Res. SPD-24, which ratified OEIS' decision, issued on February 5, 2024, which approved the 2023-2025 WMP initially submitted by Liberty Utilities on May 5, 2023.

On March 22, 2024, the Commission adopted Res. SPD-25, which ratified OEIS' decision, issued on February 12, 2024, which approved the 2023-2025 WMP initially submitted by PacifiCorp on May 8, 2023.

On April 2, 2024, Green Power Institute (GPI) filed Application (A.) 24-04-018, seeking intervenor compensation for its contribution to the review of the PG&E, Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp WMP Updates and Res. SPD-15, SPD-20, SPD-24, and SPD-25.

The assigned Administrative Law Judge held a prehearing conference on July 30, 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 August 28, 2024, the assigned Commissioner issued a Scoping Memo and Ruling that set forth the issues, need for hearing, schedule, category, and other matters necessary to scope the proceeding.

On February 26, 2026, Decision 26-02-046 extended the statutory deadline for A.24-04-018 to August 31, 2026.

Extending the statutory deadline is necessary for the Commission to prepare and issue the proposed decision for comment and provide additional time to consider party comments if needed. Consequently, the statutory deadline for this proceeding is extended to February 26, 2027.

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

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Karen Douglas is the assigned Commissioner and Minh LeQuang is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. A.24-04-018 was filed on April 2, 2024.
2. The current statutory deadline for A.24-04-018 is August 31, 2026.
3. A.24-04-018 cannot be completed by August 31, 2026.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline until February 26, 2027, 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 Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended until February 26, 2027.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until February 26, 2027.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.