

Decision 26-09-013 September 3, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Holly A. Carlyle and Jeffery A.
Burgess,

Complainants

vs.

Southern California Edison Company
(U338E),

Defendant.

Case 25-06-027

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the September 21, 2026, statutory deadline in this proceeding until October 29, 2026.

1. Background and Justification

1.1. The Complaint

Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) Section 1701.2(i) provides that adjudicatory proceedings shall be resolved within 12 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 the deadline. On

June 11, 2026, Decision (D.) 26-06-21 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding to September 17, 2026.

On June 27, 2025, Holly A. Carlyle and Jeffrey A. Burgess (the Complainants) filed a Complaint (C.) 25-06-027 with the Commission, alleging that a fire which occurred on September 29, 2021, on their business property located at 56001 29 Palms Hwy in Yucca Valley, CA 92284 was the result of a downed, energized service conductor owned by Southern California Edison Company (SCE). They allege that SCE violated General Orders 95, 165, 167, and Pub. Util. Code § 702 and § 2106.¹ They also allege that SCE reported false information to the Commission.

1.2. The Prior Civil Lawsuit

Prior to filing the Complaint with the Commission, Complainants hired legal counsel and filed a civil lawsuit concerning losses from the same incident in San Bernardino County Superior Court on January 12, 2023.² The facts at issue in the civil lawsuit are substantively the same as those underlying this Complaint.

1.3 CPUC Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) Investigation

The Commission's SED Electric Safety and Reliability Branch (ESRB) conducted an investigation and prepared an Incident Investigation Report dated March 7, 2025.³ SED's Investigation Report concluded that no General Order 95

¹ See Complaint Form page 2, item F.

² Case No. CIV SB 2302343. Complainants and SCE have engaged in two years of civil discovery, including depositions of numerous parties and a mediation. In their court case, Complainants originally sought economic and non-economic damages in excess of \$3,000,000.

³ SED Investigation report E20230522-01. SED's Incident Investigation Report acknowledges that the SBCFD concluded that a specific origin of the fire could not be located due to extensive fire damage and that the cause of the fire was undetermined.

violations on the part of SCE were found, and SED issued a Closure Letter on March 7, 2025.

1.4 Presiding Officer's Decision

On August 5, 2026, a Presiding Officer's Decision was mailed. Under Section 14.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules), a Presiding Officer's Decision may be appealed 30 days after it is mailed. Thereafter, a response to the appeal may be filed within 15 days. Forty-five days from August 5, 2026 is September 19, 2026. This means that, should an appeal and response be filed, the last date for the Presiding Officer to issue a modified decision to the Commission would be September 21, 2026 - the first business day following September 19, 2026. The Commission's next two voting meetings would not occur until October 8, 2026 and October 29, 2026.

2. Justification for Order Extending Statutory Deadline

This Complaint requires extension of time to ensure that there is adequate time to issue a modified Presiding Officer's Decision should an appeal and/or response to the appeal be filed.

3. 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 adjudicatory proceedings set forth in Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Section 1701.2(i) Under the circumstances of this proceeding, it is appropriate to waive the 30-day period for public review and comment.

4. Assignment of Proceeding

Karen Douglas is the assigned Commissioner and Patricia Miles is the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and presiding officer in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. C.25-06-027 was filed on June 27, 2025.
2. D.26-06-21 extended the statutory deadline for resolving C.25-06-027 to September 17, 2026.
3. C.25-06-027 may not be completed by September 17, 2026 if an appeal is filed.
4. An extension of the statutory deadline until October 29, 2026, permits time required for completion of review by the assigned Commissioner and assigned ALJ, and the extension is necessary to allow adequate time to close this proceeding should an appeal be filed.

Conclusion of Law

1. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.2(i), the statutory deadline should be extended to October 29, 2026.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended until October 29, 2026.

This order is effective today.

Dated September 3, 2026 , at Sacramento, California.

JOHN REYNOLDS

President

DARCIE L. HOUCK

KAREN DOUGLAS

MATTHEW BAKER

CHRISTINE HARADA

Commissioners