

Decision 26-10-024

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

City of Rolling Hills,

Complainant,

vs.

Case 24-10-008

Southern California Edison Company
(U338E),

Defendant.

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to March 31, 2027.

1. Background and Justification

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. The statutory deadline for this proceeding is October 30, 2026.

Following land subsidence that occurred in the City of Rolling Hills and Rancho Palos Verdes areas of Southern California, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) engaged in power shutoff measures that impacted 51 homes in the City of Rolling Hills. On October 11, 2024, the City of Rolling Hills filed an expedited complaint with the Commission, which was converted to a regular formal complaint (Complaint). The City of Rolling Hills alleges that SCE did not provide meaningful notice, justification, or mitigation, which has increased the overall threat to public safety.

A Prehearing Conference was held on March 7, 2025 to address the issues of law and fact, whether the complaint should be consolidated with two other complaints, determine the need for an evidentiary hearing, set the schedule for resolving the matter, and address other matters as necessary.

On June 6, 2025, the assigned Commissioner issued a Scoping Memo and Ruling which categorized the proceeding as adjudicatory, determined that an evidentiary hearing was needed and established the scope and schedule of this proceeding.

On July 25, 2025, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a ruling granting the Joint Motion of SCE and the City of Rolling Hills for a 60-day continuance of the currently scheduled proceeding dates. The parties were given a 60-day extension of the evidentiary hearing from August 12, 2025, to October 13, 2025, to engage in settlement discussions.

On September 18, 2025, Decision (D.) 25-09-022 extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding to February 27, 2026. On February 26, 2026, D. 26-02-

054 further extended the statutory deadline for this proceeding to October 30, 2026.

The parties' regularly filed joint status reports show that they have been working diligently to resolve this dispute. An extension of the statutory deadline to March 31, 2027 is appropriate and necessary to allow sufficient time to prepare a decision dismissing the complaint.

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 on the proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving adjudicatory 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 Robert M. Mason III is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The complaint in this proceeding was filed by the City of Rolling Hills on October 11, 2024.
2. On July 25, 2025, the assigned ALJ granted a continuance to allow for settlement discussions.
3. The current statutory deadline for his proceeding is October 30, 2026.
4. This proceeding cannot be completed by October 30, 2026.
5. An extension of the statutory deadline to March 31, 2027 is appropriate to allow parties and the Commission to continue the settlement process.

Conclusion of Law

1. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(i), the statutory deadline in this proceeding should be extended to March 31, 2027.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended to March 31, 2027.

This order is effective today.

Dated October 8, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

JOHN REYNOLDS
President
DARCIE L. HOUCK
KAREN DOUGLAS
MATTHEW BAKER
CHRISTINE HARADA
Commissioners