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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (U904G) for Authorization to Recover Costs Recorded in Its Angeles Link Memorandum Account.	Application 25-06-011

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to March 1, 2027.

1. Background

Public Utilities (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 resolving this proceeding is December 12, 2026.

On February 17, 2022, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) filed Application (A.) 22-02-007 (Phase 1 Application) to request authority to establish

a memorandum account to record the costs of planning a potential project, the Angeles Link Project (Project), to deliver renewable hydrogen gas into the Los Angeles Basin. SoCalGas outlined the planning, though not the construction, of the project over three activity phases including a feasibility study in Phase 1, front end engineering and design study in Phase 2, and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Phase 3.

On December 20, 2022, the Commission authorized SoCalGas to establish the Angeles Link Memorandum Account (Memo Account) to record Phase 1 Activities costs in Decision (D.) 22-12-055. D.22-12-055 provided multiple minimum compliance requirements if SoCalGas were to seek recovery for Phase 1 Activities and continue to Phase 2, among other things.

On December 20, 2024, SoCalGas filed A.24-12-011 (Phase 2 Application) to request authorization to implement revenue requirement for costs to enable the commencement of Phase 2 Activities of the Project.

On June 12, 2025, SoCalGas filed this application with the Commission to authorize its recovery of costs recorded in its Angeles Link Memorandum Account (Phase 1 Compliance Application). On July 17, 2025, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.; California Environmental Justice Alliance and Sierra Club; Environmental Defense Fund; First Public Hydrogen Authority; Indicated Shippers, Southern California Generation Coalition; the Public Advocates Office of the California Public Utilities Commission; The Utility Reform Network; and Utility Consumers Action Network filed a response or protests to the Phase 1 Compliance Application.

On July 28, 2025, SoCalGas filed a reply to the response and protests to the Phase 1 Compliance Application.

A PHC was held on September 5, 2025 to address the issues of law and fact, the need for hearing, the schedule, and address other matters as necessary.

On September 29, 2025, the assigned Commissioner issued a scoping memo for A.25-06-011 which set forth the issues, need for evidentiary hearing, schedule, and other necessary matters.

On April 30, 2026, the Commission denied the Phase 2 Application of SoCalGas in D.26-04-034.

An extension of the statutory deadline to March 1, 2027 is necessary to allow adequate time to complete this proceeding.

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 extending the deadline for resolving the issues raised in the scoping memo in a ratesetting proceeding set forth in Public Utilities Code Section 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 Joanna Perez-Green is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. A.25-06-011 was filed on June 12, 2025.

2. The current statutory deadline for completion of A.25-06-011 is December 12, 2026.

3. A.25-06-011 cannot be completed by December 12, 2026.

4. An extension of the statutory deadline to March 1, 2027 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 § 1701.50(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to March 1, 2027.

2. The 30-day period for review and comment on this Order is waived.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline for completion of this proceeding is extended to March 1, 2027.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at Sacramento, California.