

Decision 15-12-048 December 17, 2015

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association, a California corporation, and Sierra Park Water Company, Inc., a California corporation, for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Public Utility Water System near Long Barn, Tuolumne County, California and to Establish Rates for Service and For Sierra Park Water Company, Inc. to Issue Stock.

Application 13-09-023
(Filed September 20, 2013)

And Related Matter.

Case 12-03-017

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Summary

This decision extends the statutory deadline in these proceedings to February 16, 2016.

1. Background

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases, such as this proceeding, shall be resolved within 18 months of the date on which the scoping memo is issued, unless the Commission makes findings regarding why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days.

Pursuant to the February 18, 2014 Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo, the 18-month deadline for resolving these proceedings was August 20, 2015. However, Decision (D.) 15-07-041 extended the statutory deadline until October 19, 2015 and D.15-10-020 extended the statutory deadline until December 18, 2015.

The Proposed Decision (PD) was mailed on August 18, 2015, and parties filed comments on September 7, 2015, and reply comments were filed on September 14, 2015. Due to the comments received, the PD was modified and the revised PD was mailed on October 30, 2015. Parties filed comments on the revised PD on November 3, 2015, and November 19, 2015. Reply comments were filed on November 23, 2015.

An extension of the statutory deadline until February 16, 2016, is necessary to consider the comments on the revised PD, and to provide the Commission time to deliberate on the revised PD and to issue its final decision.

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

Catherine J.K. Sandoval is the assigned Commissioner and Richard Smith is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in these proceedings.

Findings of Fact

1. The statutory deadline for resolving the issues identified in the scoping memo in these proceedings was August 20, 2015.

2. Decision 15-07-041 extended the statutory deadline until October 19, 2015.

3. The proposed decision was mailed on August 18, 2015, and parties filed comments on September 7, 2015, and reply comments were filed on September 14, 2015.

4. Due to the comments received, the PD was modified and the revised PD was mailed on October 30, 2015. Parties filed comments on the revised PD on November 3, 2015, and November 19, 2015. Reply comments were filed on November 23, 2015.

5. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline is necessary to consider the comments on the revised PD, and to provide the Commission time to deliberate on the revised PD and to issue its final decision.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Commission should extend the deadline in these proceedings to February 16, 2016, as allowed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a).

2. In accordance with Rule 14.6(c)(4), the comment period should be waived.

3. This order should be effective immediately.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in these proceedings is extended to February 16, 2016.

This order is effective today.

Dated December 17, 2015, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL PICKER

President

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Commissioners