

Decision 99-04-063 April 22, 1999

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The Utility Reform Network and
the Office of Ratepayer Advocates,

Complainants,

vs.

Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E),

Defendant.

Case 98-04-019
(Filed April 16, 1998)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) provides that adjudicatory cases shall be resolved within 12 months of initiation unless the Commission makes findings why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. In this proceeding, the 12-month deadline for resolving this matter is April 16, 1999.

Due to the § 1701.2(d) statutory deadline, there is a need to act on this matter immediately, and this constitutes as unforeseen emergency situation for purposes of Pub. Util. Code § 311(g)(2) (See Rule 81(g) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure). Accordingly, pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

Findings of Fact

1. This proceeding was initiated on April 16, 1998, and involves an alleged violation by Southern California Edison Company (Edison) of our affiliate transaction rules.

2. Based upon the 12-month statutory deadline, this proceeding must be resolved on or before April 16, 1999, unless this date is extended.

3. The parties have agreed to hold this case in abeyance until Edison has filed its affiliate rules compliance plan in Rulemaking 97-04-011, and the Commission has issued a resolution addressing it. Edison has filed the plan, but the Commission has not yet acted upon it. The Commission's action may moot the issues in this complaint.

Conclusion of Law

The 12-month statutory deadline imposed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) should be extended until further order.

IT IS ORDERED that the 12-month statutory deadline in this proceeding, April 16, 1999, is extended until further order.

This order is effective today.

Dated April 22, 1999, at San Francisco, California.

RICHARD A. BILAS
President
HENRY M. DUQUE
JOSIAH L. NEEPER
Commissioners