

Decision 99-06-048 June 10, 1999

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

William Kent,

Complainant,

vs.

Southern California Edison Company,

Defendant.

Case 98-06-037
(Filed June 18, 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 June 18, 1999. An extension of the 12-month statutory deadline is needed to accommodate extensions of time granted to the parties for discovery and for setting the evidentiary hearing.

Due to the § 1701.2(d) statutory deadline, there is a need to act on this matter immediately, and this constitutes an 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 30-day period for public review and comment on this decision is being waived.

Findings of Fact

1. This proceeding was initiated on June 18, 1998.

2. Based upon the 12-month statutory deadline, this proceeding must be resolved on or before June 19, 1999, unless this date is extended.

Conclusion of Law

The 12-month statutory deadline imposed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) should be extended until this proceeding is resolved.

IT IS ORDERED that the 12-month statutory deadline in this proceeding, June 19, 1999, is extended until further order.

This order is effective today.

Dated June 10, 1999, at San Francisco, California.

RICHARD A. BILAS
President
HENRY M. DUQUE
JOSIAH L. NEEPER
LORETTA M. LYNCH
JOEL Z. HYATT
Commissioners