

Decision 15-10-020 October 1, 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 this proceeding to December 18, 2015.

**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 this proceeding was August 20, 2015.

However, Decision (D.) 15-07-041 extended the statutory deadline until October 19, 2015.

D.15-07-041 explained that the proposed decision (PD) in this matter was expected to mail for public review and comment by mid-July 2015, and extended the statutory deadline in order to provide parties enough time to comment on the PD and to provide the Commission time to deliberate on the proposed decision and to issue its final decision.

The PD was mailed on August 18, 2015. Parties filed comments on September 7, 2015, and reply comments on September 14, 2015. An extension of the statutory deadline until December 18, 2015, is necessary to consider the comments on the PD, revise the PD in response to comments where appropriate, and to provide the Commission time to deliberate on the revised proposed decision 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 this proceeding 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 on September 14, 2015.

4. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline is necessary to consider the comments on the PD, revise the PD in response to comments where appropriate, and to provide the Commission time to deliberate on the revised proposed decision and to issue its final decision.

### **Conclusions of Law**

1. The Commission should extend the deadline in this proceeding to December 18, 2015, 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 this proceeding is extended to December 18, 2015.

This order is effective today.

Dated October 1, 2015, at San Francisco, California

MICHAEL PICKER  
President  
MICHEL PETER FLORIO  
CATHERINE J.K. SANDOVAL  
CARLA J. PETERMAN  
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Commissioners