

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

DCR Transmission, L.L.C.

Docket Nos. ER23-2309-001
ER24-1394-001
EL26-34-000
(consolidated)

ORDER OF CHIEF JUDGE GRANTING UNOPPOSED REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
OF INITIAL DECISION DEADLINE AND WAIVING ANSWER PERIOD

(Issued February 5, 2026)

1. On February 4, 2026, the Active Participants¹ in this consolidated proceeding filed an *Unopposed Joint Expedited Motion for Extension of Procedural Schedule and Adoption of Updated Procedural Schedule* (Motion). Among other relief, the Motion seeks an 89-day extension of the current initial decision deadline.²

¹ The Active Participants are “DCR Transmission, L.L.C. (‘DCRT’); the California Department of Water Resources State Water Project and the Northern California Power Agency; the California Independent System Operator Corporation; the California Public Utilities Commission; the Cities of Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Colton, Pasadena, and Riverside, California (the ‘Six Cities’); Commission Trial Staff; and the Electricity Transmission Competition Coalition.” Motion at 1.

² *Id.* at 2. The current initial decision deadline is June 17, 2026. *Order of Chief Judge Extending Track Schedule and Waiving Answer Period*, at P 3 (May 14, 2025). The Motion requests September 14, 2026, as the new deadline. Motion at 5.

2. The Motion requests waiver of the answer period.³ Because the Motion is unopposed,⁴ the Motion’s 15-day answer period is hereby WAIVED pursuant to Rule 213(d).⁵

3. Under the authority delegated to the Chief Administrative Law Judge,⁶ this Order GRANTS the Motion’s request to extend the initial decision deadline. The extension is warranted and narrowly tailored to address the changed legal landscape affecting this proceeding, including the ongoing hearing that has already commenced.

4. On January 30, 2026, the Commission issued an *Order Addressing Arguments Raised on Rehearing, Setting Aside Prior Order, Instituting Section 206 Proceeding, and Consolidating Proceedings* (Rehearing Order).⁷ This Rehearing Order initiated a new Federal Power Act section 206 proceeding and consolidated it with the prior dockets already before the Presiding Judge.⁸ The Motion pleads that the Rehearing Order “shifted the burden of proof in the ongoing hearing.”⁹ To accommodate this change, the Motion proposes an updated procedural schedule that includes: a limited recess of the hearing to allow parties and Commission Trial Staff—now bearing the burden of proof—to prepare and submit pre-filed rebuttal testimony; a brief discovery period for that rebuttal testimony; and resumption of the hearing on April 8, 2026.¹⁰ While this Order reserves for the Presiding Judge the authority to determine specific procedural mechanisms and set the full schedule, good cause exists to extend the initial decision

³ Motion at 6.

⁴ *Id.* (representing “that all participants in these proceedings either support or do not oppose this Motion”).

⁵ See 18 C.F.R. § 385.213(d)(1) (2025) (requiring a 15-day answer period for motions “unless otherwise ordered”).

⁶ 18 C.F.R. § 375.304(b)(1)(v) (“The Commission authorizes the Chief Administrative Law Judge to . . . extend procedural time standards . . .”).

⁷ *DCR Transmission, L.L.C.*, 194 FERC ¶ 61,085 (2026).

⁸ *Id.* P 2.

⁹ Motion at 2.

¹⁰ *Id.* at 4-5.

deadline. The extension will allow development of a complete record consistent with the legal contours of the newly consolidated proceeding.

5. Accordingly, the revised initial decision deadline is September 14, 2026. The remainder of the Motion's requested relief concerning the full procedural schedule is reserved for adjudication by the Presiding Judge.

SO ORDERED.

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by ANDREW
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Andrew Satten
Chief Administrative Law Judge