

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 WAIVING ANSWER PERIOD AND
ADOPTING REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued February 5, 2026)

1. On February 4, 2026, various participants identifying themselves as the Active Participants¹ filed with Chief Administrative Law Judge Satten (Chief Judge) and me a joint motion for an extension of the Track II procedural time standards for this case and an updated procedural schedule.² Earlier today, Chief Judge Satten issued an order granting the Motion in part by waiving the standard 15-day answer period pursuant to Rule 213(d) (18 C.F.R. § 385.213(d) (2025)) and extending the initial decision deadline from June 17, 2026, to September 14, 2026.³ In this order, I grant the remainder of the Motion by adopting new procedural milestones for the remainder of this proceeding.
2. The Active Participants base their Motion on the need to address the Commission's January 30, 2026, order on rehearing, which

¹ The Active Participants consist of DCR Transmission, L.L.C.; 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 Electricity Transmission Competition Coalition; and the Commission Trial Staff.

² Unopposed Joint Expedited Motion for Extension of Procedural Schedule and Adoption of Updated Procedural Schedule, Docket Nos. ER23-2309-001, ER23-2309-002, ER24-1394-001, ER24-1394-002, and EL26-34-000 (filed Feb. 4, 2026) (Motion).

³ Order of Chief Judge Granting Unopposed Request for Extension of Initial Decision Deadline and Waiving Answer Period (Feb. 5, 2026) (Chief Judge Order).

finds that DCRT's Tariff Records constitute an initial rate and institutes a proceeding in Docket No. EL26-34-000 under section 206 of the FPA, thereby shifting the burden of proof to Commission Trial Staff and parties challenging DCRT's Tariff Records, and consolidating Docket No. EL26-34-000 with Docket Nos. ER23-2309 and ER24-1394.⁴

In addition to seeking from the Chief Judge an extension of the Track II procedural time standards, the Joint Participants propose to revise the procedural schedule to allow for

(1) a limited recess sufficient to allow parties and Commission Trial Staff with the burden of proof to prepare and submit pre-filed rebuttal testimony; (2) a limited discovery period on that rebuttal testimony, followed by a recommencement of the hearing on April 8, 2026; and (3) issuance of an initial decision by September 14, 2026.⁵

3. In support of the Motion, Active Participants assert that all the participants in these proceedings either support or do not oppose this Motion, including the request to waive the answer period.⁶

4. Because the participants all support or do not oppose the proposed procedural schedule,⁷ because the Chief Judge has extended the procedural schedule in this proceeding,⁸ and because the updated procedural schedule will allow efficient and more

⁴ Motion at 4 (citing *DCR Transmission, L.L.C.*, 194 FERC ¶ 61,085, at P 14 (2026)).

⁵ Motion at 5.

⁶ Motion at 6.

⁷ I note that the Active Participants' proposed procedural schedule indicates that they reserve the right to request further amendment of the procedural schedule "[i]n the event the conclusion of examination of DCRT Witness Mr. Jason Crew occurs after February 6, 2026." I believe it is likely that I will excuse Mr. Crew from the witness stand before close of business on February 6, 2026, and unlikely that the Active Participants will exercise their reservation of rights to withdraw their support of the procedural schedule they propose in the Motion. Nevertheless, Rule 212(a)(1) authorizes any participant to make a motion "at any time, unless otherwise provided." 18 C.F.R. §385.212(a)(1).

⁸ Chief Judge Order at P 3.

comprehensive completion of the record and the Initial Decision, I GRANT the Motion, and in the Appendix, I ADOPT new procedural deadlines for the remainder of these consolidated proceedings.

SO ORDERED.

Joel deJesus
Presiding Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX

Procedural Schedule for Remainder of DCR Transmission, L.L.C.,
Docket Nos. ER23-2309-001, ER24-1394-001, and EL26-34-000 (consolidated)
February 5, 2026

Deadline	Procedural Milestone
February 5, 2026 (or at the conclusion of the examination of DCRT Witness Mr. Jason Crew)	Rebuttal Recess Begins
February 27, 2026	Joint Statement of Issues (with summaries of each participant's positions on each issue) and Joint Stipulations ¹
March 9, 2026	New Rebuttal Testimony due from Intervenors Challenging the DCRT Tariff Records and Commission Trial Staff; Limited discovery period on New Rebuttal Testimony opens
March 20, 2026	Deadline for discovery requests limited to New Rebuttal Testimony
March 27, 2026	Deadline for replies to discovery limited to New Rebuttal Testimony

¹ The Active Participants also proposed a February 27, 2026 deadline for “Joint Witness List (with initial time estimates for the presentation of each witness); Initial Joint Index of Exhibits.” I believe a more appropriate time for those submissions would be April 3, 2026, after the submission of New Rebuttal Testimony and before the recommencement of the Hearing.

APPENDIX (February 5, 2026)

Deadline	Procedural Milestone
April 3, 2026	Deadline to submit discovery disputes to the Presiding Judge concerning New Rebuttal Testimony; deadline for Motions to Strike and Dispositive Motions concerning New Rebuttal Testimony; deadline to Submit Revisions to Privileged/Nonpublic Designations for All Exhibits (including witness testimony) and/or Motions to Resolve Disputes Concerning Privileged/Nonpublic Designations); Joint Witness List (with revised time estimates for the presentation of each witness) and Initial Joint Index of Exhibits
April 8, 2026	Hearing Rebuttal Recess ends; Hearing recommences
May 8, 2026	Anticipated Last Day of Hearing
May 15, 2026	Joint Procedural History, and Final Index/Certification of Exhibits ²
May 22, 2026	Joint Statement of Proposed Corrections for Transcript Errata
June 15, 2026	Filing of Initial Briefs
July 23, 2026	Filing of Reply Briefs
September 14, 2026	Initial Decision

² This milestone and all other post-hearing milestones assume that the hearing will conclude on May 8, 2026.