

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

DCR Transmission, L.L.C.

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

**UNOPPOSED JOINT EXPEDITED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND ADOPTION OF UPDATED PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE AND REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF ANSWER PERIOD**

**TO: The Honorable Andrew Satten
Chief Administrative Law Judge**

**The Honorable Joel deJesus
Presiding Administrative Law Judge**

Pursuant to Rules 212 and 213 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ DCR Transmission, L.L.C. (“DCRT”); the California Department of Water Resources State Water Project; 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 (collectively, the “Active Participants”), hereby submit this Unopposed Joint Expedited Motion for Extension of Procedural Schedule and Adoption of Procedural Schedule (“Motion”). The Motion proposes to update the procedural schedule adopted in the Order Amending Procedural Schedule issued by the Presiding Administrative Law Judge in these consolidated proceedings on

¹ 18 C.F.R. §§ 385.212, 385.213 (2025).

March 13, 2026,² and update the deadline for issuance of an initial decision adopted in the Order of the Chief Judge Granting Unopposed Request for Extension of Initial Decision Deadline and Waiving Answer Period issued by the Chief Judge in these consolidated proceedings on February 5, 2026.³

As described in further detail below, the Active Participants respectfully request that the Chief Administrative Law Judge waive the standard 15-day answer period pursuant to Rule 213 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁴ and issue an expedited order extending the Track II procedural time standards for an initial decision to 49 days after the date set by the February 2026 Initial Decision Deadline Order to accommodate: (1) the complexity of this case, which has required more time than originally estimated for examination of witnesses; and (2) the need to avoid certain federal holidays and certain dates when Active Participants or the Presiding Judge will not be available.

The proposed updated procedural schedule will allow sufficient time for the Presiding Judge to review a full record of a complex case and issue his Initial Decision.⁵ Should the Chief Judge grant this request, the Active Participants also request that either the Presiding Judge or the Chief Judge issue an expedited order that adopts the proposed updated procedural schedule included with this Motion as Attachment A. The Presiding Judge has authorized the Active Participants to state that he supports this updated schedule.⁶ For these reasons, and because all

² *DCR Transmission, L.L.C.*, Order Amending Procedural Schedule, Docket Nos. ER23-2309-001, ER24-1394-001, and EL26-34-000 (consolidated) (issued March 13, 2026) ("March 2026 Procedural Schedule Order").

³ *DCR Transmission, L.L.C.*, Order of the Chief Judge Granting Unopposed Request for Extension of Initial Decision Deadline and Waiving Answer Period, Docket Nos. ER23-2309-001, ER24-1394-001, and EL26-34-000 (consolidated) (issued February 5, 2026) ("February 2026 Initial Decision Deadline Order").

⁴ 18 C.F.R. § 385.213.

⁵ *See* Tr. 98:4-6 (deJesus).

⁶ *See* Tr. 8810:19-24 (deJesus).

Active Participants in these consolidated proceedings either support or do not oppose the requested extension, the Active Participants submit that good cause exists to grant this Motion.

I. MOTION

The procedural schedule adopted in the March 2026 Procedural Schedule Order anticipated that the last day of the hearing would occur by May 8, 2026. Due to the complexity of the issues in these consolidated proceedings, significantly more time has been required for the examination of witnesses than was contemplated in the current procedural schedule. As of the date of this Motion, the hearing is anticipated to conclude by June 5, 2026. Under the procedural schedule adopted in the March 2026 Procedural Schedule Order, initial briefs would have been due by June 15, 2026. All Active Participants agree that the filing of initial briefs on that date is impossible in light of the extended hearing. As such, the Active Participants have developed an updated procedural schedule and presented that proposed procedural schedule for the review of the Presiding Judge. As noted above, the Presiding Judge has authorized the Active Participants to state that he supports this updated schedule.

The Active Participants respectfully request that the Chief Administrative Law Judge issue an expedited order extending the procedural time standards in these consolidated proceedings to permit, as reflected in the proposed updated procedural schedule included with this Motion as Attachment A, the issuance of an initial decision by November 2, 2026. Pursuant to his delegated authority, the Chief Administrative Law Judge may extend procedural time standards “for good cause shown.”⁷ Good cause exists to grant this Motion to accommodate: (1) the complexity of this case, which has required more time than originally estimated for examination of witnesses;

⁷ See 18 C.F.R. § 375.304(b)(1)(v); *White Tail Solar 3, LLC*, 177 FERC ¶ 63,001, at P 5 (2021).

and (2) the need to avoid certain federal holidays and certain dates when Active Participants or the Presiding Judge will not be available.

Consistent with the duty to confer with opposing counsel before filing a non-dispositive motion,⁸ the Active Participants assert that all participants in these proceedings either support or do not oppose this Motion, including the request to waive the answer period. All members of the service list in Docket Nos. ER23-2309, ER24-1394, and EL26-34 were emailed a draft copy of this Motion on May 28, 2026, and invited to share comments on this Motion by the morning of May 29, 2026. Comments received are reflected herein. No participant expressed opposition to this Motion. The extension of the procedural schedule requested herein will allow the participants to meaningfully participate in the proceedings, effectively represent their interests, and submit a complete record to the Presiding Judge and the Commission.

Given that this Motion is unopposed and given the parties' interest in moving the proceedings forward as expeditiously as possible, the Active Participants respectfully request that the Chief Administrative Law Judge waive the answer period required under Rule 213(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁹ and issue an expedited order granting this Motion. Should the Chief Judge grant this Motion, the Active Participants also respectfully request that either the Presiding Judge or the Chief Judge issue an expedited order that adopts the proposed updated procedural schedule included with this Motion as Attachment A.

⁸ See Hearing Rules at P 9 (adopting the Office of Administrative Law Judges' Uniform Hearing Rules); Uniform Hearing Rules at Section 3(a) (establishing a duty to confer).

⁹ 18 C.F.R. § 385.213(d).

III. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Active Participants respectfully request that:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Law Judge issue an expedited order extending the procedural time standards in these consolidated proceedings, to permit an initial decision by November 2, 2026;
- (2) the Chief Administrative Law Judge waive the response period for answers to this Motion; and
- (3) either the Presiding Judge or the Chief Judge issue an expedited order adopting the proposed updated procedural schedule included with this Motion as Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

Proposed Updated Procedural Schedule

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April 8, 2026	Hearing Rebuttal Recess ends; Hearing recommences
June 5, 2026	Anticipated Last Day of Hearing
June 15, 2026	Joint Procedural History, and Final Index/Certification of Exhibits ¹
June 22, 2026	Joint Statement of Proposed Corrections for Transcript Errata
July 30, 2026	Filing of Initial Briefs
September 10, 2026	Filing of Reply Briefs
November 2, 2026	Initial Decision

¹ This milestone and all other post-hearing milestones assume that the hearing will conclude by no later than June 8, 2026.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service lists for the above-captioned dockets, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.2010).

Dated at Washington, DC this 29th day of May, 2026.

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