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## Hearing Officer Memorandum

**To:** All Parties and Persons Interested  
In the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center  
(21-AFC-02)

**Date:** November 18, 2024

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**Subject: Requests for Relief from the Revised Scheduling Order for Willow Rock Energy Storage Center (21-AFC-02)**

On behalf of the Committee, the Hearing Officer would like to underscore the direction in the September 9, 2024, Revised Scheduling Order in this proceeding, inviting any party seeking relief from the current schedule to first use best efforts to meet and confer with the other parties to resolve the concern with the schedule. Failing that, the party shall file a stand-alone motion, which shall describe the attempt to meet and confer and recommend a resolution.

At the Informational Hearing on November 6, 2024, the Committee acknowledged a letter submitted by Applicant requesting that the Committee “use its plenary authorities to expedite the schedule for the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center.”<sup>1</sup> The Committee would like to determine if such relief is still desired. If so, the Applicant may exercise the options provided in the Revised Scheduling Order.<sup>2</sup> If an attempt to meet and confer with the other parties is unsuccessful, the Applicant may submit a motion that describes the specific relief sought. The motion should include a detailed proposed schedule accompanied by documentation of the facts and rationale that compel the expedited timeline, as well as a discussion of potential impacts, if any, of any shortened deadlines on the other parties or interested persons to review and comment on the forthcoming staff assessments and participate in the evidentiary process.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See TN 259757.

<sup>2</sup> TN 259084. Note, the Revised Scheduling Order shortens the usual time for the other parties to respond to such motions to 7 days.

<sup>3</sup> See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1211.5.