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In the Matter of

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, Respondent.

DOCKET NO. 9305

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLIES TO POST TRIAL BRIEFS AND PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT

On March 21, 2005, the parties filed a joint motion to extend the deadline for filing their concurrent reply briefs and replies to proposed findings of fact. The February 3, 2005 Order on Post Trial Briefs set April 13, 2005 as the deadline for filing replies. The parties state that the post trial briefs were over 300 pages in length and the proposed findings of fact were over 500 pages in length. The parties request a two week extension of the April 13, 2005 deadline to provide them with sufficient time to file responses.

This case raises numerous complex legal issues. Replies to legal arguments raised in the post trial briefs are critical in evaluating the issues raised in this litigation, and in conducting a thorough analysis of all relevant issues, both factual and legal. Complaint Counsel has filed nearly 5,000 proposed findings of fact and Respondent has filed nearly 2,000 proposed findings of fact. Adequate time will be provided to allow each party to determine the accuracy of each proposed finding and point out any inaccuracies, mischaracterizations, or omissions of fact.

Accordingly, the joint motion is GRANTED, as modified below. The February 3, 2005 Order on Post Trial Briefs is modified to reflect the following new deadline:

May 11, 2005

Deadline for filing concurrent reply briefs and replies to proposed findings of fact

ORDERED:

D. Michael Chap

Administrative Law Judge

Date: March 23, 2005