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Subject: I.18-07-009, Email Ruling Granting Community Union's Motion Requesting Extension of Time for Answers to CPED's Data Request

On March 25, 2020, the Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division (CPED) filed "Motion of the Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division Compelling Responses to Data Requests From Larry Ortega and Community Union Inc. and Shortening Time for Response." At the status conference held on May 4, 2020, Community Union responded to CPED's motion and agreed to answer the questions of the data request, with detailed descriptions of the responsive documents, by May 15, 2020. Community Union and CPED agreed to convene regarding the documents after CPED had an opportunity to review the data request responses.

On Friday, May 15, 2020, at 4:59 p.m., Community Union tendered for filing a motion for an extension of the May 15, 2020 deadline. Community Union requests that the responses be due on Monday, May 18. Community Union states it "has been working diligently to complete CPED's Data Request but has been constrained by extreme financial challenges being experienced during the Covid-19 shut down of schools and businesses." The motion does not explain how Community Union's financial challenges have prevented it from writing responses to CPED's data request.

Because Community Union requests a short extension and it states that it has been working diligently to answer the data requests, an extension of time until Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 5:00 p.m. is granted.

Community Union has filed last minute extensions for multiple deadlines in this proceeding. This is not acceptable. Community Union, like all parties in this proceeding before the Commission, is expected to comply with the proceeding schedule and deadlines. Future requests for extensions will not be viewed favorably. If Community Union's numerous extension requests become indicative of attempts to delay the proceeding or refusal to produce information, an order to show cause as to why Community Union should not be fined for such behavior may be necessary.

IT IS SO RULED.

THE DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING.

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