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Pursuant to Rule 1.4(a)(4) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Joint Parties respectfully submit this Joint Motion for Party Status in the following applications:

- Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (“SDG&E”) for Adoption of its Smart Grid Deployment Plan (A.11-6-006);
- Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E”) for Adoption of its Smart Grid Deployment Plan (A.11-06-029); and
- Application of Southern California Edison Company (“SCE”) for Approval of its Smart Grid Deployment Plan (A.11-07-001).

All of our efforts will be coordinated amongst ourselves, since we recognize that the opportunities for success are dependent upon recognition of our mutual interest.

The Joint Parties, all 501(c) (3) organizations, are currently involved in A.10-11-015 and A.11-06-009 before the CPUC.

The primary focus will be on how to ensure that Smart Grid deployment plans effectively reach, and are efficiently used by California’s 24 million minorities and 2 million minority-owned businesses. This is essential since many Smart Grid plans have been

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criticized sometimes unfairly, due to lack of communication, outreach, and understanding (See e.g., the widespread and generally misinformed opposition to Smart Meters in the PG&E service area).

Given that 60% of the ratepayers are minorities and a disproportionately high percentage have language barriers, are low income, new immigrants or have less than average access to the internet, we will be urging that no plan move forward and no funding be available for any plan until the utilities individually develop very specific outreach programs. They should be presented not just in this proceeding but also to the Low Income Oversight Board, presently chaired by Commissioner Simon.

This multibillion dollar Smart Grid effort must and should succeed but it will not without the deep involvement, understanding and support of underserved communities.

Much as a unanimous Commission on May 5th has added electric procurement as a priority in its OIR on diversity, we will also be urging that all Smart Grid plans and expenditures be subject to special scrutiny and efforts to ensure that the above objectives are fulfilled. For example, on June 30th this Commission held a successful electric procurement workshop chaired by Commissioner Florio in which all the energy utilities were well represented.

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