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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's own motion to determine the impact on public benefits associated with the expiration of ratepayer charges pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 399.8.

Rulemaking 11-10-003  
(Filed October 6, 2011)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING  
MOTIONS FOR PARTY STATUS FILED BY ALERGY SYSTEMS,  
CALIFORNIA CLEAN DISTRIBUTED GENERATION COALITION, AND  
REPUBLIC SOLAR HIGHWAYS LLC**

This ruling addresses motions for party status filed in this proceeding by Altery Systems (Altery), California Clean Distributed Generation Coalition (CCDC), and Republic Solar Highways (Solar Highways) on March 7, 2012. For the reasons set forth below, this ruling grants the requests for party status.

Altery Systems states that it is a company that designs and manufactures fuel cells for telecommunications, data centers, and other mission-critical power applications in the United States and internationally. It also provides uninterruptible power supplies for information processing centers, acute medical care, homeland security and other operations. Altery states that it has an interest in this proceeding related to the eligibility of its fuel cells for rebates under the Emerging Renewables Program that was funded by the expired public goods charge funding. Altery intends to participate on this issue as well as

whether additional funding is warranted to support fuel cells in the future, as part of this proceeding.

CCDC states that it is an ad hoc group interested in promoting the ability of distributed generation (DG) system manufacturers, distributors, marketers and investors, and electric customers to deploy DG. It states that its members represent a variety of DG technologies including combined heat and power, renewables, gas turbines, microturbines, reciprocating engines, and storage.<sup>1</sup> CCDC's interest in this proceeding is related to the recommendations contained in the February 10, 2012 Staff Proposal affecting the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP), a program in which CCDC members participate or may participate. CCDC currently anticipates participating to address factual and legal issues relating to compliance with laws and Commission orders addressing SGIP, as well as any other issues relating to small, clean, on-site DG.

Solar Highways states that it is part of the Republic Family of Companies and Caithness Energy, a privately owned, full-service real estate investment and development enterprise. Solar Highways states that it focuses on developing commercial solar photovoltaic (PV) generation systems on infill, remnant, government-owned properties through public/private partnerships, and that it is currently developing an approximately 15 Megawatt project that will be located on several properties owned by the California Department of Transportation. Solar Highways states that this project is an example of

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<sup>1</sup> CCDC's motion for party status states that it is currently comprised of the following companies: Capstone Turbine Corporation, Caterpillar, Inc., Cummins, Inc., DE Solutions, EtaGen, Inc., FlexEnergy, Inc., GE Energy, Holt of California, NRG Energy, Penn Power Systems, Peterson Power Systems, Recycled Energy Development, Stowell Distributed Power, Solar Turbines Incorporated, and Tecogen, Inc.

“technology demonstration” projects being addressed in this proceeding. Solar Highways intends to participate to support funding dedicated to proving the commercial viability of next generation clean energy technologies and helping to enable demonstration-ready generation technologies to secure power purchase agreements with a utility or other load-serving entity.

**IT IS RULED that:**

1. The motions for party status Alteryg Systems, California Clean Distributed Generation Coalition, and Republic Solar Highways LLC are granted.
2. Consistent with the granting of party status, the following individuals are added to the service list:

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