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Pursuant to Rule 1.4(a)(4) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) rules of practice and procedure, the California Large Energy Consumers Association (CLECA) requests party status in the above proceeding.

I. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications and correspondence regarding this proceeding should be directed to the following individual:

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II. DESCRIPTION OF PARTY

CLECA is an organization of large, industrial electric customers of the three investor-owned utilities, with members taking both bundled and Direct Access service. The member companies are in the steel, cement, industrial gas, pipeline and beverage industries, and they share the fact that electricity costs comprise a significant portion of their costs of production. For all of them, the cost of electricity is a very important element in their cost structure and the competitiveness of their products. CLECA regularly participates in utility general rate cases, with a particular focus on all cost allocation issues.

III. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

CLECA is interested in this proceeding to the extent the determinations on the allocations of the residential opt-out program costs extend beyond the residential class to the large power classes. CLECA is not aware of any other large power customer groups participating in this docket or focusing on this issue in this docket. Granting CLECA party status should not result in any delay to this proceeding.

IV. CONCLUSION

CLECA respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion for party status and consider its reply comments on the Proposed Decision of President Peevey authorizing a Smartmeter Opt-Out Program; the reply

comments are submitted concurrently with this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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