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Matters.

Rulemaking 17-05-010

**E-MAIL RULING GRANTING THE CITY OF  
BERKELEY MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS**

Dated November 6, 2018, at San Francisco, California.

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**Subject:** R.17-05-010: Email Ruling Granting the City of Berkeley Motion for Party Status

To the service list for R.17-05-010:

On July 27, 2018, the City of Berkeley (Berkeley) filed a Motion for Party Status in this proceeding. On August 17, 2018, Berkeley filed a supplemental response in support of that motion.

Rule 1.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure addresses participation in Commission proceedings. Pursuant to Rule 1.4 (b), a person seeking party status by motion shall:

(1) fully disclose the persons or entities in whose behalf the filing, appearance or motion is made, and the interest of such persons or entities in the proceeding; and

(2) state the factual and legal contentions that the person intends to make and show that the contentions will be reasonably pertinent to the issues already presented.

Rule 1.4 (c) states that the assigned Administrative Law Judge may, where circumstances warrant, deny party status or limit the degree to which a party may participate in the proceeding.

**With respect to Rule 1.4(b)(1)**, Berkeley states it has a strong interest in and community support for utility undergrounding and that it has special needs due to its large Urban-Wildland interface and large Very High Hazard Zones.

**With respect to Rule 1.4(b)(2)**, Berkeley states it “supports undergrounding of existing overhead electric facilities” based on a “multitude of benefits to undergrounding”, including, of “utmost importance, undergrounding utility wires increases public safety.” Berkeley requests party status to “give valuable” input to the rulemaking due to its support for utility undergrounding.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED**, the motion is granted; the City of Berkeley meets the requirements of Rule 1.4 (b) and is granted party status.

**THE DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING.**

Dated: November 6, 2018 at San Francisco, California.

*Eric Wildgrube*  
*Administrative Law Judge*  
*California Public Utilities Commission*