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

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Revise and )  
Clarify Commission Regulations Relating to )  
the Safety of Electric Utility and )  
Communications Infrastructure Provider )  
Facilities. )

R.08-11-005

(Filed November 6, 2008)

**Motion of Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. to Intervene**

Pursuant to Rules 1.4 and 11 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission, Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. (“Osmose”) files this motion to intervene in this proceeding in order to file reply comments.

Rule 1.4 permits a person to file motion to intervene for purposes of becoming a party to the Commission’s proceeding. Rule 1.4(b) provides that a person filing such a motion (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) show that the contentions will be reasonably pertinent to the issues already presented.

Osmose is a leading provider of technical support for electric and telecom utility companies in the United States. Some areas of expertise include wood pole strength and loading, system safety, reliability and durability along with code compliance and cost effective management of a wood pole plant.

Osmose supports employee participation in technical societies and committees that are directly tied to the safety and reliability issues addressed in this proceeding. One example is the role of Chairman of ASC05, the committee that establishes new wood pole strength specifications. Another example is Principal Membership on the National Electrical Safety Code Committee with an emphasis on safety and reliability related to wood pole strength and loading. In addition, Osmose employees are very active in the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and have gained significant experience in evaluating weather conditions and reliability-based design. Further, Osmose personnel have provided

technical support for dealing with system hardening in other states dealing with high winds like Florida, Alabama, Kentucky and Texas.

Osmose seeks leave to intervene in this proceeding to provide a technical perspective on the design and maintenance of utility overhead lines provided from extensive activity similar to the issues being addressed in this proceeding. Accordingly, pursuant the Rule 1.4, the reply comments of Osmose should be considered reasonably pertinent to the issues already presented in this matter and the Commission should grant Osmose leave to intervene.

Dated: December 17, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served, by electronic and United States mail, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. to Intervene to each party in Docket No. R.08-11-005.

Executed on December 17, 2009 at Tyrone, Georgia.

*/s/ Denise Thomason*  
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An Employee of Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.