

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



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Participation in Order Instituting Rulemaking for the Purpose of Reviewing and Potentially Amending General Order 156 and to Consider Other Measures to Promote Economic Efficiencies of an Expanded Supplier Base and to Examine the Composition of the Utilities' Workforce

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MOTION OF MABUHAY ALLIANCE FOR PARTY STATUS

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REQUESTING PARTY STATUS**

I. Introduction

Mabuhay Alliance (“Mabuhay”) respectfully moves for party status in this proceeding in accordance with Section 1.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure.

II. Mabuhay’s Interest in this Proceeding.

Mabuhay Alliance is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit with offices in San Jose, Daly City and San Diego. We hereby request on behalf of women of color and Asian American disabled veterans be treated as a full and equal party in this proceeding. We are prepared to fully participate in all aspects of this proceeding as set forth in the March 17th ruling by the assigned commissioner and the Administrative Law Judge. We are also prepared to coordinate our actions with other groups that are participating. Further, we are prepared to coordinate with all the participating utilities and to encourage participation by other corporations with an interest in this proceeding including the cable industry and those who have intervened on PUC hearings on energy and issues such as Smart Grid. We believe we have unique experience as set forth in our letter to the assigned commissioner and the Administrative law judge and can therefore play a unique and positive role in this proceeding.

Our organization would like to participate and play an active role on behalf of the key underrepresented segment of women owned businesses: women of color businesses. We

have more than five years of experience in terms of advocacy before the CPUC and Verizon, AT&T, Sempra companies and Edison on this matter.

No company has had an overall outstanding record in regard to women owned business and none has even 4% for women of color. Edison for example is at 1.5%. We believe our efforts at the workshops and other participation could substantially increase the percentage and dollar amount of women contracts and substantially increase the participation of women owned businesses overall since half or more of new women owned businesses are likely to be minority owned. In significant part, these failures are attributable to inadequate technical assistance and capacity building; in both areas we have substantial experience.

Consistent with the Commission's concern, as expressed in its ruling relating to underrepresented groups, we are also prepared to provide our expertise relating to disabled veterans with whom we have been working for more than five years. We are aware, for example, that only two companies have barely met their minimum goal (SDG&E and AT&T) and some companies, such as Verizon and Edison, are still below one quarter of one percent for disabled veterans.

Our founder and president is a member of the low-income energy board for the PUC, on the consumer advisory board for Sempra and on the advisory board for the Office of Thrift Supervision as it relates to minority interests.

Our organization has two offices in the Bay Area (San Jose and Daly City) and is headquartered in San Diego.

We have also played a key role in encouraging over the last three years all of the affected utilities to take greater actions to maximize more women owned businesses, particularly women of color. This includes conferences, technical assistance and capacity building. To further increase the outreach we have also worked closely with minority media and have just initiated discussions on diversity with the cable industry including Comcast and Cox.

III. Intervenor Status

Before taking any additional action we would like to be assured by you that if we act promptly in our filing that we will be assured of Intervenor Status and can fully participate in the workshops beginning May 5th. To expedite the matter we are attaching a Notice of Party Status April 16, 2010 OIR 09-07-027 relating to amending GO-156.

IV. Late Filing

To the best of our knowledge, we were never informed by the CPUC of this ongoing proceeding and apparently were not on any CPUC party list. Most importantly, we were not informed by the CPUC of the March 17th ruling seeking greater participation from groups that could represent women owned businesses. It is this information which we

have now become aware of that has caused us to consider full participation as an intervenor. We became effectively aware of the March 17th ruling seeking women owned business participation on April 15th and have diligently within one day pursued the matter.

V. Notice

Service of notices, orders, and other correspondence in this proceeding should be directed to Mabuhay Alliance at the address set forth below:

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VI. Conclusion.

Mabuhay's participation in this proceeding will not prejudice any party, and will not delay the schedule or broaden the scope of the issues in the proceeding. For the reasons stated above, Mabuhay respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion for Party Status filing.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 16, 2010

/s/ Faith Bautista
Faith Bautista
President
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/s/ Elaine Valdez
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Elaine Valdez, am 18 years of age or older and a non-party to the within proceeding. I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of

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on all known parties to Rulemaking 09-07-027 by transmitting an e-mail message with the document attached to each party named in the official service list and by faxing or mailing a properly addressed copy by first-class mail with postage prepaid to those whose e-mail address is not available.

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in San Diego, California on April 19, 2010.

/s/ Elaine Valdez
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