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

Application of Consumers Power Alliance, Public Citizen, Coalition of Energy Users, Eagle Forum of California, Neighborhood Defense League of California, Santa Barbara Tea Party, Concerned Citizens of La Quinta, Citizens Review Association, Palm Springs Patriots Coalition Desert Valley Tea Party, Menifee Tea Party - Hemet Tea Party – Temecula Tea Party, Rove Enterprises, Inc., Schooner Enterprises, Inc., Eagle Forum of San Diego, Southern Californians For Wired Solutions To Smart Meters, and Burbank Action For Modification of D.08-09-039 and A Commission Order Requiring Southern California Edison Company (U338E) To File An Application For Approval of A Smart Meter Opt-Out Plan.

Application 11-07-020

(Filed July 26, 2011)

**THE PEOPLE’S INITIATIVE FOUNDATION MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS**

Pursuant to Rule 1.4(a) (4) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) rules of practice and procedure, the People’s Initiative Foundation (PIF) 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**

PIF is a 501c (3) organized pursuant to the laws of the United States Internal Revenue Service. PIF is a non-profit charity dedicated to educating the public on making change where

there is stagnation in the areas that deeply affect us all, but have been overlooked by our government. It is committed to helping make the real changes necessary, by educating the public on how to change the law. PIF educates the public on how to have a real influence on government. PIF supports and encourage average citizens taking this kind of responsibility for their community and their world.

### III. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

PIF has previously monitored these dockets only, as the Scoping Memo and Ruling of the Assigned Commissioner stated that rates would not be impacted by these dockets.

PIF now seeks to engage actively in this docket. Both the role of the utilities in facilitating and enabling smart grid projects and the conditions under which utilities would be authorized to provide competitive smart grid services should be examined.

PIF will present ratepayers' personal experiences leading them to opt-out of accepting a smart meter on their homes.

PIF's participation in these dockets will not delay the proceedings, and PIF's interests are not represented by any other party to these proceedings.

### IV. CONCLUSION

PIF respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion for party status.

Respectfully submitted,

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