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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Central Valley Gas Storage, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Construction and Operation of Natural Gas Storage Facilities.

Application 09-08-008
(Filed August 19, 2009)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING THE MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS FILED BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

This ruling grants the unopposed motion for party status that was filed by Southern California Gas Company.

Background

In Application 09-08-008, Central Valley Gas Storage, LLC (Central Valley) requests authority to construct and operate a natural gas storage facility. On December 9, 2009, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) filed a motion for party status in this proceeding pursuant to Rule 1.4(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules). In its motion, SoCalGas avers that it owns and operates four gas storage facilities in Southern California.

SoCalGas states that it has an interest in this proceeding because Central Valley will be a direct competitor. To ensure a level playing field, SoCalGas intends to recommend in this proceeding that Central Valley be subject to some of the same regulatory requirements as SoCalGas. Specifically, SoCalGas is required to post on an electronic bulletin board information about its gas storage deals and operations. SoCalGas intends to recommend that Central Valley be required to post similar information.

There was no response to SoCalGas's motion for party status.

Ruling

Rule 1.4(b) requires a motion for party status to (1) fully disclose the persons or entities on whose behalf the 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. SoCalGas has satisfied these requirements. Therefore, SoCalGas's motion for party status is granted.

Good cause appearing, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. The unopposed motion for party status filed by Southern California Gas Company is granted.
2. The following individual representing Southern California Gas Company is added to the Party section of the service list for this proceeding:

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Timothy Kenney
Administrative Law Judge

