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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Integrate
and Refine Procurement Policies and
Consider Long-Term Procurement Plans.

Rulemaking 12-03-014
(Filed March 22, 2012)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING DENYING PARTY STATUS

On June 27, 2012, Distributed Energy Consumer Advocates (DECA) filed a Motion for Party Status in this proceeding. DECA states that it is a nonprofit California public benefit corporation that informs and educates residential and small commercial producer-consumers of electricity as well as advocates on their behalf in a variety of policy forums. DECA states that it seeks to promote the optimal regulatory climate and market in which its members and others may invest in distributed clean energy infrastructure, without preference to any single technology.

Rule 1.4(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure provides 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."

Good cause exists in this instance to deny DECA intervenor status. I am exercising my discretion under the Rule because DECA was formed by a former Commission employee for the purpose of participating in Commission proceedings, and less than one year has expired since that former employee terminated his employment at the Commission.

IT IS RULED that the June 27, 2012 Motion of Distributed Energy Consumer Advocates (DECA) for Party Status is denied.

Dated July 13, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

 /s/ DAVID M. GAMSON
David M. Gamson
Administrative Law Judge