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I. Introduction

Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions 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. Interest in this Proceeding

A. Qualifications to Participate in the Building Decarbonization Proceeding

- a. Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions is a coalition of natural and renewable natural gas users. Our goal is to educate Californians about the importance of natural and renewable gas for improving the environment and providing for a strong economy. We support balanced energy policies that fight climate change while protecting energy choice, reliability and affordability.

B. Objectives Within the Proceeding

- a. Gas remains the most efficient and affordable clean energy resource available to many. Millions of people heat their homes and water and cook their food with gas. Gas plays a crucial role for business and buildings, and in manufacturing, industrial, and agricultural

processes. Compressed gas in heavy-duty vehicles is cutting air pollution. And when using RNG, a non-fossil, renewable fuel, heavy-duty vehicles can become the cleanest commercially available today. Importantly, because these vehicle engines are significantly more affordable than other technologies, they can achieve these benefits more cost effectively, especially as they become widely employed.

When the sun goes down and the wind stops blowing, gas powers our electricity grid, providing the energy reliability Californians can count on. California's important nighttime economy – dining, dancing, music, theatre, movies, or sitting at home with family, is almost entirely powered by gas.

C4BES believes that an all-electric approach is NOT the fastest nor most efficient way to address climate change. Electrification simply does not make sense for every use or circumstance.

C4BES seeks reasonable and balanced energy solutions for California. We demand public policies that reduce GHGs and air pollution quickly, efficiently and cost effectively by setting emissions standards enabling all technologies to compete to meet standards; and not mandating use of one technology over another.

C4BES can contribute to this OIR by representing the interests of gas industrial, commercial and residential users to the conversation. In support of the CPUC's efforts to identify the most cost-effective means of reducing GHGs and addressing Climate Change, C4BES supports rigorous decision-making that is informed, data-driven and technology neutral.

III. Notice

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

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IV. Conclusion

Californians For Balanced Energy Solutions 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, the C4BES respectfully requests that the CPUC grant this Motion for Party Status filing.

Dated: March 13, 2019

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Jon Switalski, Executive Director,

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