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# MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC GAS ASSOCIATION

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#### I. Introduction

The American Public Gas Association (APGA or "Association") 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. APGA represents the interests of approximately 1,000 public gas systems in 37 states, including several in California. APGA members are retail distribution entities owned by, and accountable to, the citizens they serve. They include municipal gas distribution systems, public utility districts, county districts, and other public agencies that own and operate natural gas distribution facilities in their communities. Public gas systems' primary focus is on providing safe, reliable, and affordable natural gas service to their customers. APGA members serve their communities in many ways. They deliver natural gas to be used for cooking, cleaning, heating and cooling, as well as for various commercial and industrial applications.

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**B.** APGA wishes to provide comments on the Administrative Law Judge's Ruling on the Staff Proposal titled "CPUC and CEC Staff Proposal for Building Decarbonization Pilots – Draft" (Staff Proposal). Given its distinguished membership, APGA can offer a unique perspective that will help inform public officials on how best to serve the citizens of California.

## III. Notice

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

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### IV. Conclusion

APGA'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, APGA respectfully requests that the CPUC grant this Motion for Party Status filing.

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Respectfully submitted,

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