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I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Rule 1.4(a)(4) of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (“CPUC” or “Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the National Diversity Coalition¹ (“NDC”) hereby respectfully request to be granted party status in the above captioned proceeding.

Pursuant to Rule 1.4(b), NDC provides a statement of the entities and interests we represent and a statement of factual and legal contentions.

II. BACKGROUND AND STATEMENT OF INTEREST

The National Diversity Coalition is a coalition of non-profit organizations, churches, minority business chambers, and other community-based organizations that serve the minority community, which is predominantly low-income. On behalf of low-income minority ratepayers and small business owners, NDC advocates before State and Federal regulatory and legislative agencies. The mission of NDC is to promote greater economic equality for underserved people

¹ National Diversity Coalition members include the National Asian American Coalition (NAAC), Advancing the Seed, Inc., African American Chamber of Commerce, African American Fire Fighter Museum, Asian Business Association, Asian Journal, Boys of Color of Santa Ana, Community Connections LLC, COR Community Development Corporation, El Mundo, Impact Southern California, Instituto de Avance Latino, Island Pacific Supermarkets, The Jesse Miranda Center for Hispanic Leadership, Korean American Coalition LA, Latino Coalition for Community Leadership, Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce, Macedonia Community Development Corporation, Network of Myanmar American Association, Santa Maria Group, OASIS Center International, Templo Calvario CDC, and Youth Business USA. In numerous prior proceedings before this Commission, NDC members have appeared under the name “Joint Minority Parties” or represented by NAAC.

by advocating for affordable utility rates, effective financial assistance programs, reasonable banking and corporate regulation, greater homeownership resources, small business support, and financial literacy.

NDC brings to the discussion in these proceedings the voice and concerns of minority ratepayers, who make up the majority of California's population and who look to the Commission to protect them from unreasonable increases in the costs of essential utility services and to implement meaningful programs to improve utility safety, efficiency, and reliability. NDC provides a unique grassroots perspective, gained from providing direct services in low-income minority communities, which will aid the Commission's decision making process.

III. FACTUAL AND LEGAL CONTENTIONS

NDC intends to be an active party in this proceeding.

At this early stage, NDC has not determined exactly what factual and legal contentions we intend to make. However, our analyses and contentions will be limited to the scope established in the OIR and any subsequent scoping memo. Our intention is to provide analysis, insight, and recommendations regarding how different financing options will impact adoption of clean energy among low-income minority communities.

IV. SERVICE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Service of notices, orders, and other correspondence in this proceeding should be directed to the following:

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NDC requests to be noted on the service list as “email service only”.

V. CONCLUSION

Granting NDC party status in this proceeding will not prejudice any party, as the proceeding is still in its initial stages. For the reasons stated above, NDC respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion for party status.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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