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Pursuant to Rule 1.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, the California Environmental Justice Alliance (“CEJA”) respectfully requests party status in the above-referenced proceeding.

**I. DESCRIPTION OF CEJA**

CEJA is an alliance of grassroots environmental justice organizations situated throughout California. CEJA’s mission is to build the power of communities across California to create policies that will alleviate poverty and pollution through a statewide movement and advocacy for environmental health and social justice. CEJA’s member organizations work with residents in low-income communities and communities of color throughout California who live in disadvantaged communities. These communities bear disproportionate energy burdens, which the pandemic and subsequent economic downturn have exacerbated.

**II. CEJA’S INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDING**

A party moving to intervene in a proceeding must “fully disclose the persons or entities in whose behalf the ... motion is made, and the interest of such persons or entities in the proceeding....”<sup>1</sup>

**A. CEJA’s Interest in Reliability, Climate and Equity**

CEJA and its member organizations have a strong interest in how reliability requirements are implemented and met, which are core to the proceeding. CEJA, operating as its own non-profit, has built an alliance of organizational members to organize and participate in regulatory and public proceedings on behalf of impacted communities and develop leadership to protect public health and the environment threatened by toxic pollution. CEJA has two types of

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<sup>1</sup> See California Public Utilities Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure 1.4(b).

organizational memberships – core and partner memberships – to represent and advocate for impacted communities throughout the state. The core members of CEJA are: Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN), the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ), Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment (CRPE), Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), Environmental Health Coalition (EHC), and People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Justice (PODER). CEJA partner members include Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, Physicians for Social Responsibility – Los Angeles (PSR-LA), and Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE). Each of these organizations are also working on core areas related to climate, the environment, energy justice, and/or affordability.

CEJA has brought together these organizations to impact and change policy decisions throughout the state. Together, the member organizations of CEJA work to achieve environmental justice for low-income communities and communities of color throughout California. In particular, CEJA is pushing for policies at the federal, state, regional, and local levels that protect public health and the environment. CEJA is also working to ensure that California enacts statewide climate change policies that protect low-income communities and communities of color.

One of CEJA's primary initiatives is to transform California's energy system into one that is just, democratic, equitable, and composed of genuinely clean energy. To accomplish this transformation, CEJA works to bring reliable, affordable, locally produced clean energy to environmental justice communities, thereby putting energy production in their own hands, providing green jobs, and reducing local health and environmental impacts by displacing older and dirtier pollution sources. CEJA also works to transition the energy system away from polluting resources and to clean, renewable energy. CEJA has been a party to many Commission proceedings. CEJA is currently active in a number of proceedings including the proceedings on Affordability (R.18-07-006), Microgrids (R.19-09-009), Integrated Resource Planning (R.20-05-003), Building Decarbonization (R.19-01-011), prior Resource Adequacy proceedings (R.19-11-009 and R.21-10-002), Gas System (R.20-01-007), and Angeles Link (A.22-02-007).

#### **B. CEJA's Interest in This Resource Adequacy Proceeding**

As CEJA has advocated for in past Resource Adequacy proceedings, CEJA, as a representative of disadvantaged communities throughout the State, is interested in evaluating the

new Resource Adequacy's Slice-of-Day framework and requirements to determine their impact on climate, equity, and environmental requirements and on the need to transition to clean energy. CEJA is also interested in continuing to evaluate the role of the Central Procurement Entities and their impacts to local procurement. CEJA is further interested in transparency and accessibility of the Resource Adequacy program and ensuring that reliability requirements are set at a level that appropriately balances affordability and environmental and equity requirements.

### **III. NOTICE**

Service of notices, orders, and other correspondence in this proceeding shall be directed to CEJA at the addresses below:

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### **IV. CONCLUSION**

CEJA'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, CEJA respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion for Party Status.

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Respectfully submitted,

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