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I. INTRODUCTION

On December 2, 2024, the Utility Consumers' Action Network ("UCAN") submitted its Intervenor Compensation Claim seeking compensation for its substantial contribution to Decision (D.) 23-12-003 & D.24-09-034.¹

In an email on December 24, 2024, the Intervenor Compensation office of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") requested that UCAN "provide documentation for the terms of the agreement between UCAN and Tyson Siegele for R.20-01-007 - D.23-12-003 & D.24-09-034." It requested the documentation be filed "no later than 30 days from the date of this email." UCAN therefore timely files this response within 30 days of December 24, 2024.

II. EXPLANATION OF UCAN'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH ITS CONSULTANTS

UCAN appears before the Commission, in part, because its expert consultants are, to some extent, compensated on a "contingency" basis. They are reimbursed when determined to have made a substantial contribution, sometimes years after the fact, through intervenor compensation awards. UCAN is a small nonprofit organization that the Commission has

¹ UCAN Icomp Filing (Dec 3, 2024), <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M548/K361/548361467.PDF>.

recognized as meeting the criteria necessary to qualify for intervenor compensation including the financial hardship criterion.

UCAN's contract with Mr. Siegele ("Contract") shows that he agreed to complete expert services on behalf of UCAN in the instant proceeding for a minimal monthly retainer prior to the Commission's award for Mr. Siegele's services to UCAN that correspond to UCAN's substantial contributions to Commission's decisions. The contract is Attachment A to this filing. The Contract specifies that UCAN will pay Mr. Siegele the amount awarded by the Commission minus prior retainer payments made to Mr. Siegele under the Contract that were not previously recouped. Thus, the contract's terms require that all funds awarded by the Commission for Mr. Siegele's time are paid to Mr. Siegele. The Contract lists Mr. Siegele's Commission-approved rate for 2023 and specifies the calculations for a 2024 rate and 2025 rate pursuant to Commission practice.

Since the Contract was executed, the Commission has approved a 2024 rate for Mr. Siegele including for a contingency-based compensation contract with the California Environmental Justice Alliance.²

The Commission-approved rates for Tyson Siegele for 2021-2024 are:

- 2021: D.21-06-035;³ Rate \$305
- 2022: D.22-02-004;⁴ Rate \$315
- 2023: D.24-03-022;⁵ Rate \$330
- 2024: D.24-11-021;⁶ Rate \$345

² See <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M546/K024/546024533.PDF>

³ See <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M503/K918/503918752.PDF>

⁴ See <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M524/K509/524509976.PDF>

⁵ See <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M527/K359/527359582.PDF>

⁶ See <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M546/K024/546024533.PDF>

III. CONCLUSION

UCAN respectfully provides this filing and information in response to the Intervenor Compensation Coordinator's request for additional information. Should the Intervenor Compensation Coordinator have additional requests, UCAN will timely respond to those as well.

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