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Pursuant to Rules 11.1 and 1.4(a)(4) of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (“RCEA”) on behalf of the Northern California Rural Regional Energy Network (“NREN”) respectfully moves for party status in the above-captioned consolidated Application proceeding.

I. DESCRIPTION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RURAL REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK (NREN)

The Redwood Coast Energy Authority is the lead administrator of the Northern California Rural Regional Energy Network (“NREN”), which the commission authorized in D.24-09-031¹. The NREN region includes 17 counties across the North Coast (Humboldt and Mendocino), Lake County, and Sierra (Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lassen, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yuba). NREN Programs offer outreach, education, and financial incentives for decarbonization strategies for rural communities.²

II. STATEMENT OF INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDING

The current scope of this rulemaking includes the continual regular updates to the Avoided Cost Calculator (“ACC”). As part of the Biennial Update Process, the California Public Utilities

¹ See *Generally* Decision (“D.”) 24-09-031 Decision Modifying Rural Regional Energy Network (Oct. 2, 2024).

² RuralIREN North Advice Letter #003-E/003-G, Attachment A, Updated Business Plan (Dec. 23, 2024).

Commission (“CPUC”) hosted a public workshop on Avoided Cost Calculator Guiding Principles, Equity, and Changes to the Biennial Update Process on Thursday, April 10th. The purpose of the workshop was to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to present their recommendations on guiding principles to be considered for the Avoided Cost Calculator, whether and how equity should be considered in Distributed Energy Resource (“DER”) cost-effectiveness, and for Energy Division to present a proposal to modify the biennial update process and receive stakeholder feedback.

NREN presented at the workshop and has demonstrated their interest in the rulemaking. Therefore, NREN seeks to become a party to this proceeding both to participate in discussions and to provide valuable insight from its experience as the lead administrator of programs representing rural communities in northern California. As a party to this proceeding, NREN will be able to engage more closely in discussions surrounding the inclusion of equity factors in the ACC. These goals implicate a clear and direct interest for NREN to participate more directly in this proceeding.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

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IV. CONCLUSION

NREN'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 NREN respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion for party status in this proceeding.

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Respectfully submitted,

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