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To: ALJ Ava Tran
California Public Utilities Commission

From: Gregg Morris

2023 Rate Proposal for Zoë Harrold

GPI's intervenor compensation claim in A.24-01-022, filed on Jan. 5, 2024, includes 2023 hours for Zoë Harrold. At the time of the filing of the claim, Ms. Harrold had an approved hourly rate for 2021, but not for 2022 or later. Subsequent to the filing of our claim, Decision D.24-07-027 set Ms. Harrold's rate for 2022 at \$250 /hr, classifying her as an Expert – Public Policy Analyst Level III, in accordance with the Commission's Hourly Rate Study and Hourly Rate Chart. The Decision also noted that in 2023 Ms. Harrold is eligible to move from Level III to Level IV in the Expert – Public Policy Analyst category. The range of rates in the Hourly Rate Chart for Public Policy Analyst IV for 2023 is \$293.26 - 523.52, with a median of \$402.74. GPI is requesting that Ms. Harrold be classified as an Expert – Public Policy Analyst Level IV for 2023, and awarded an appropriate hourly rate within the range. We note that while her PhD degree has not been counted towards her years of experience, it can be taken into account in assigning her a rate within the range. We suggest a 2023 rate of \$325 /hr.

Gregg Morris
Director, GPI