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Pursuant to Rule 1.4(a)(4) of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (“CPUC” or “Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure, Google LLC (“Google”) respectfully moves for party status in the above-captioned proceeding.

Google seeks party status because the Assigned Commissioner’s Scoping Memo and Ruling¹ (“Scoping Memo”) identifies several issues that may directly affected large-load customers, including tariff provisions such as contracts between load serving entities and large-load customers, refunds, and exit fees, ratepayer protections against cost shifts and stranded costs, and improved rate signals for large-load customers to support economically efficient load growth and load flexibility in California. As a prospective large-load electric customer with ongoing and planned investments in California, Google has a substantial interest in these issues and respectfully seeks to assist the Commission in developing a complete and informed record.

I. DESCRIPTION OF GOOGLE

Google, a wholly owned subsidiary of Alphabet Inc., is a global technology company headquartered in Mountain View, California. Google owns and operates offices, technical

¹ Assigned Commissioner’s Scoping Memo and Ruling (R. 26-04-009, Cal. Pub. Utils. Comm’n Sept. 22, 2026).

infrastructure, and related facilities throughout California, and it continues to invest in new infrastructure in the state.

Google's infrastructure supports a wide range of products and services, and Google invests in community development, data security, and sustainability. Through its operations and planned investments in California, Google contributes to local economies and workforces across the communities in which it operates. Google is a prospective large-load electric customer whose operations depend on safe, reliable, and affordable electric service.

II. GOOGLE'S INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDING

Google has a direct and substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding. As described in the Scoping Memo and the Order Instituting Rulemaking ("OIR"),² this proceeding will consider rate design issues for large-load customers in coordination with the Commission's assessment under Senate Bill (SB) 57 of the potential cost impacts of new, large transmission connected customer loads. More broadly, the OIR seeks rate designs that reflect the cost of service, send price signals that support efficient use of grid infrastructure, and allocate costs fairly across customers, while enhancing reliability and making customer rates more affordable and equitable.

Given Google's ongoing and planned investments in California, the Commission's determinations in this rulemaking will directly affect Google. Google has publicly expressed support for responsible energy growth and policies that promote equitable cost allocation, protect existing ratepayers, and support continued economic development.³ Through its experience

² Order Instituting Rulemaking on California Advanced Electric Rate Design (R. 26-04-009, Cal. Pub. Utils. Comm'n Apr. 9, 2026).

³ Affordability Pledge for Responsible Energy Growth, Google Blog, <https://blog.google/innovation-and-ai/infrastructure-and-cloud/global-network/affordability-pledge-responsible-energy-growth/> (last visited Sept. 28, 2026).

developing and operating large-scale facilities and procuring electricity to serve those facilities, Google can provide a valuable perspective on issues relating to large-load growth, affordability, reliability, electrification, load flexibility, and cost causation, among other issues.

Google therefore seeks party status to participate fully in this proceeding and assist the Commission, alongside other stakeholders, in developing a complete record on the issues identified in the Scoping Memo and the OIR.

III. NOTICE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Service of notices, orders, and other communications and correspondence in this proceeding should be directed to Google at the address set forth below:

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IV. CONCLUSION

Google's participation in this proceeding will not prejudice any party, delay the schedule, or broaden the scope of the issues. For the reasons stated above, Google respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion for Party Status.

Respectfully submitted,

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