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Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency respectfully moves for party status in accordance with Rule 1.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

I. INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDING

Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA) is a California public agency organized as a joint powers authority in 1974 to provide regional wastewater conveyance, treatment, and disposal services for the Big Bear Valley in San Bernardino County. BBARWA serves the City of Big Bear Lake, Big Bear City Community Services District, and San Bernardino County Service Area 53B with a service area encompassing approximately 79,000 acres. Each of the three member agencies operates and maintains its own wastewater collection system and delivers wastewater to BBARWA's regional interceptor system for treatment and disposal. BBARWA's responsibilities include operating and maintaining regional wastewater infrastructure and providing reliable, cost-effective services in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner.

BBARWA is an electric service customer of Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES) and receives electric service in support of its wastewater operations. BBARWA also participates in a net-metering arrangement with BVES, purchasing electricity during periods of net usage and

receiving credits for excess solar generation. Accordingly, BVES's electric rates and applicable tariff provisions directly affect BBARWA's operating costs and its ability to provide cost-effective wastewater services to its member agencies and the communities they serve.

II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL CONTENTIONS

BBARWA has a Solar Power Purchase Agreement and Form 74 Interconnection and NEM agreement with BVES. The NEM arrangement allows for BBARWA to use excess credits generated approximately seven months of the year to offset higher winter peak loads in the San Bernardino mountains and provide lower costs to its rural ratepayers. The Staff Proposal, if adopted, would have adverse impacts on BBARWA as a public agency forcing it to purchase higher cost energy during winter peak months and either passing costs onto customers or limiting needed capital improvements. BBARWA intends to provide the Commission with a factual demonstration of the adverse impacts of the Staff Proposal as well raise legal issues regarding cost shifting, implementation timing, and regulatory takings, among other matters, in comments and other portions of the proceeding. BBARWA was recently made aware of the Staff Proposal by BVES. BBARWA desires to fully participate in the proceeding to protect its ratepayer interests and its interests as a BVES customer.

III. NOTICE

BBARWA consents to email only service and requests addition of the following to the service list as BBARWA's party representative:

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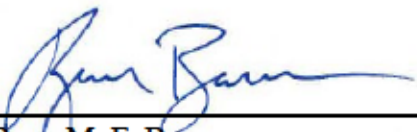
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IV. CONCLUSION

BBARWA'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, BBARWA respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion for party status.

Respectfully submitted,



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