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MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS OF EQUINIX, INC.

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Pursuant to Rule 1.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, Equinix Inc. ("Equinix") respectfully moves for party status in the Order Instituting Rulemaking on California Advanced Electric Rate Design proceeding.

I. DESCRIPTION OF EQUINIX.

Equinix, based in Redwood City, California, is one of the oldest and largest data center developers in the world, with data centers across six continents, over 35 countries, and more than 70 metropolitan areas. We maintain a significant operational presence in the state, including data center facilities throughout Silicon Valley and the greater Los Angeles area, and continue to develop and invest in its California data and energy infrastructure. The data centers Equinix develops, owns and operates are long-lived assets developed against investment horizons measured in decades rather than quarters.

We develop two distinct types of data centers: colocation data centers, which we call International Business Exchanges ("IBXs") and house as many as 400 separate customers, and larger data centers, which we call "xScale" facilities, which generally house one or two customers. Private enterprises, network operators, cloud providers, governmental entities and nonprofits house computing equipment and interconnect with one another, and with the broader internet, within IBX data centers. Many of Equinix's customers utilize the computing equipment in our data centers and the interconnection services we provide to enable critical services, such as

emergency response, grid operations, medical information, and national security. Each individual IBX facility may house as many as 400 co-located customers. Our IBX data centers range from a few megawatts up to approximately 100 MW, and average in the mid-30 MWs. Equinix's larger xScale data centers can exceed 750 MW, and generally serve one or two customers, each of which requires a significant dedicated proportion, or even the entirety, of these larger facilities.

Equinix has always held itself to a high standard of care for the communities it operates in. Recognizing that more is needed to meet the current moment, Equinix recently memorialized its practices explicitly through its U.S. Community Principles.[1] These principles include Equinix's commitment to power responsibility, ensuring it "pays the full cost of its grid infrastructure needs so costs are not passed to consumers."[2]

II. EQUINIX'S INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDING.

Equinix, as expressed in our U.S. Community Principles does not regard the reliability consequences of large load growth as someone else's problem to solve, and it has committed capital to the long-term arrangements needed for new generating capacity and energy infrastructure. Equinix's interest in this proceeding accordingly does not merely focus on the short-term; it is also in the long-term stability, predictability, and durability of the rules that govern reliability and market conditions. Equinix therefore has a direct and substantial interest in the above-mentioned proceeding, which will consider rate design issues for data centers and other large-load customers. As outlined in the Commission's Order Instituting Rulemaking ("OIR") and the Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling ("Scoping Memo"), Track

[1] *Available at* https://equinixtogether.com/community-principles/.
[2] *Id.*

1 will specifically consider rate design, tariffs, cost allocation, and ratepayer protections for large-load customers, including data centers.

As an owner, developer, and operator of data center facilities in California, and around the world, Equinix brings relevant experience and perspectives to the Commission's consideration of these issues. Specifically, Equinix's participation may help inform the Commission's evaluation of rate structures and tariff requirements that appropriately reflect the costs and characteristics of serving large-load customers while advancing the proceeding's broader objectives of affordability, reliability, and cost causation.

The outcome of this proceeding may also have implications for Equinix's operations and continued investment in California, as the rate structures and tariff requirements under consideration could affect the terms and conditions under which Equinix receives electric service and develops its data center facilities throughout the state.

Accordingly, Equinix respectfully requests party status to participate in this proceeding and offer its perspective, as appropriate, on matters relevant to its interests.

III. NOTICE

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

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IV. CONCLUSION.

Equinix'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, Equinix respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion for Party Status filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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