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The National Asian American Coalition ("NAAC") (formerly Mabuhay Alliance), the Latino Business Chamber of Greater Los Angeles ("LBCGLA"), and the Black Economic Council ("BEC"), all 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, hereby request to be treated as a full and equal parties in this proceeding in accordance with Section 1.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure.

All of our efforts will be coordinated amongst ourselves, since we recognize that the opportunities for success are dependent upon recognition of our mutual interests.

The three parties all represent large constituencies, either directly affected by the gas line explosion or will be directly affected by the future policies, and one of the parties is headquartered in San Bruno with a very large constituency in the PG&E, Sempra and Edison territories. The BEC has a large constituency in the PG&E territories, and a significant one in Sempra and Edison territories. The LBCGLA has a very large constituency in Sempra and Edison territories, and a significant constituency within PG&E's territory. Each of the joint parties have prior experience in matters before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) (and have intervened in, for example, the OIR on diversity, as well as the General Rate Cases for Sempra and Edison) and two of the three parties have a long history with PG&E relating to customer relations and two of the three parties have longstanding relationships with Edison and Sempra on customer relations issues.

We plan to help achieve this proceeding's primary objective of ensuring this never happens again, and to take all necessary actions to achieve this. To do so however, may require some balancing of: a) who bears the cost and, b) what is realistic.

To do so we will be conducting ratepayer surveys, beginning in the PG&E territory. We will be meeting with and ensuring that ratepayers' voices are heard both during the April 5th en banc proceeding and at Public Participation Hearings thereafter. We will be urging that the Public Participation Hearings avoid the junk mail problems identified by Congresswoman Jackie Speier. Instead, we will submit a more cost efficient and cost effective mechanisms that allow the public voice be heard

We will also be attempting to work with each of the utilities to develop an alternative, either temporary or permanent, to automatic shutoff that requires the training of local residents in what might be called a "Community National Guard" for gas pipeline shut-offs. We will attempt to conduct the surveys with the utilities, the CPUC staff, and other community leaders. Service of notices, orders, and other correspondence in this proceeding should be directed to the

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Dyana Polk, am 18 years of age or older and a non-party to the within proceeding. I

hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of

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on all known parties to Rulemaking 11-02-019 by transmitting an e-mail message with the

document attached to each party named in the official service list and by faxing or mailing a

properly addressed copy by first-class mail with postage prepaid to those whose e-mail address is

not available.

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in San Bruno, California on March 3rd, 2010.

<u>/s/ Dyana Polk</u> Dyana Polk

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