## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue Implementation and Administration of California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Rulemaking 11-05-005 (Filed May 5, 2011)

### MOTION OF NV ENERGY, INC. TO BECOME A PARTY

Pursuant to Rules 1.4 and 11.1 of the California Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, NV Energy, Inc. (NVE) submits this motion to become a party in this proceeding, R.11-05-005.

### I. DESCRIPTION OF NVE

NVE is a holding company whose principal subsidiaries, Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company, are doing business as NV Energy. NVE provides a wide range of utility services and products to approximately 2.4 million residents of Nevada, including renewable power that meets the Nevada Renewable Portfolio Standard. NVE owns, operates and continues to develop a portfolio of renewable power projects in Nevada and also procures renewable energy for its customers.

NVE is also the balancing authority for its Nevada service territories and the area of California around Lake Tahoe for which NVE was the retail service provider until January 1, 2011. As the balancing authority for Nevada and part of northern California, NVE interfaces directly with portions of the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) controlled transmission system at substations located in Nevada and California. NVE has also recently announced its Renewable Transmission Initiative, designed to assess the interest of the regional renewable marketplace in transmission projects from renewable energy zones in Nevada to loads in other markets, particularly California.<sup>1</sup>

## II. NVE'S INTEREST IN THIS PROCEEDING

As a neighboring balancing authority serving an area that holds great renewable development potential, as well as a retail utility with a portfolio of renewable resources located outside of California, NVE has a direct interest in the Commission's efforts to implement the RPS program rules and policies in response to the enactment of Senate Bill 2 (1x). Accordingly, NVE respectfully requests that it be granted party status in this proceeding.

# III. SERVICE

Service of notices, orders, and other communications and correspondence in this

proceeding should be directed to the following persons:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>http://www.nvenergy.com/company/doingbusiness/RTI/RTI.cfm</u>.

# **IV. CONCLUSION**

NVE respectfully requests that the Commission grant NVE's motion for party status. NVE's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission's understanding of RPSrelated interconnection issues and implementation concerns. NVE's participation will not prejudice any other party to this proceeding or expand the scope of the issues to be considered.

Dated: July 28, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Liebert Ellison, Schneider & Harris Attorney for NV Energy, Inc.

## VERIFICATION

I am the attorney for NV Energy, Inc. (NVE); NVE is absent from the County of Sacramento, California, where I have my office, and I make this verification for NVE for that reason. The statements in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters which are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 28, 2011 at Sacramento, California.

Ronald Liebert Attorney for NV Energy, Inc.