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This Motion of Calpine Corporation ("Calpine") for Party Status ("Motion") is filed under Rules 1.4 and 11.1 of the California Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure.

I. DESCRIPTION OF CALPINE

Calpine is an independent wholesale power company that owns and operates primarily natural gas-fired and geothermal power plants. It is the largest natural gas fueled power producer in North America with a strong presence in California.

The natural gas-fired power plants primarily utilize two types of design: 4,376 megawatts ("MW") of simple-cycle combustion turbines and 22,385 MW of combined-cycle combustion turbines and a small portion from natural gas-fired steam turbines. In California, Calpine has 5,800 MW of operating electric generating capacity, with another 700 MW in advanced development. As owner and operator of 725 MW of geothermal energy, Calpine is also California's largest renewable energy provider supplying nearly 22% of the state's current renewable power. We also own and operate the state's largest fleet of combined heat and power facilities. Since 2001, Calpine has invested more than \$5 billion to add more than 4,000 MW of clean, efficient new generating capacity that is helping to retire older, higher emitting and less

efficient power plants. Starting in 2011, Calpine will spend over \$1 billion to build two new state-of-the art generation projects that will support the integration of renewable resources.

Calpine owns and operates industrial gas turbines, as well as cogeneration power plants, and sells wholesale power, steam, capacity, renewable energy credits and ancillary services to its customers, including utilities, independent electric system operators, industrial and agricultural companies, retail power providers, municipalities and power marketers. Calpine purchases natural gas as fuel for its power plants, engages in related natural gas transportation and storage transactions, and enters into natural gas financial contracts. The company also owns a pipeline system in California that serves a number of their natural gas-fired plants.

II. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Calpine has a substantial and continuing interest in the outcome of Rulemaking 11-02-019, which seeks to establish a new model of natural gas pipeline safety regulation applicable to California pipelines. The new rules for the safe and reliable operation of natural gas pipelines in California and the related ratemaking mechanisms addressed in this proceeding will both indirectly and directly affect Calpine.

Pacific Gas & Electric Company ("PG&E") has proposed a significant amount of work in its filings, the cost of which it seeks to allocate to its customers through customer rates. As a PG&E customer, Calpine has a legitimate interest in contributing to the proceeding in which decisions regarding PG&E's rates will be made. Calpine's interests are not represented by any party to this rulemaking. Therefore, the request set forth in this Motion should be granted.

III. SERVICE

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IV. CONCLUSION

Calpine'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, Calpine respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion and provide Calpine full party status in this proceeding.

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Respectfully submitted,

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