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Pursuant to Rules 1.4 and 11.1 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, Abengoa Solar, Inc. (“Abengoa Solar”) submits this motion to become a party in this proceeding.

Abengoa Solar is an experienced developer of renewable projects with 343 megawatts (“MW”) of large-scale solar projects in operation and 780 MW of additional projects under construction. Most recently, the Commission approved a power purchase agreement (“PPA”) between Pacific Gas and Electric (“PG&E”) and Mojave Solar, LLC (“Mojave Solar”), an affiliate of Abengoa Solar. Resolution E-4433. The Mojave Solar Project (“Project”) is a 250 MW utility-scale solar electric generating facility located in San Bernardino County, California. The Project is an in-state, RPS-eligible facility that will be a significant contributor in achieving California’s 33% renewable energy target. The Project is fully permitted through the California Energy Commission’s licensing process, has interconnection agreements and project financing in place and has begun construction. One issue raised in the Resolution approving the Mojave Solar PPA was the Project’s ability to provide Resource Adequacy (“RA”) credit to PG&E.

On December 8, 2011, the California Wind Energy Association (“CalWEA”) filed, in this proceeding, a Motion Regarding 2012 Renewable Portfolio Standard Procurement Plans. The motion requested, among other things, that the Commission revise the utilities’ current approach to the evaluation of RA, stating that “the Commission should require the IOUs to consider foregoing supply of RA capacity from the renewable generator (i.e., allow it to proceed with ‘energy-only’ status), either through a bid that does not provide any RA capacity, or through a bid in which the developer has packaged RA capacity supplied by a third party with the ‘energy-only’ renewable generator.” According to CalWEA, “[t]his approach would allow utilities to meet both RPS and RA procurement obligations in a more efficient manner by substituting low-cost third-party RA capacity for the high-cost transmission upgrades required to provide RA directly from the renewable generator when such upgrade costs exceed the cost of third-party RA supply.”¹ To the extent the Commission determines to consider CalWEA’s proposal for the evaluation of RA in the 2012 RPS procurement plans in this proceeding, Abengoa Solar plans on providing information specific to CalWEA’s proposal based on its experience as a developer of renewable projects. Accordingly, Abengoa Solar will not expand the scope of this proceeding as it is focused on issues that are already before the Commission in this docket.

For the foregoing reasons, Abengoa Solar has a significant interest in the subject of this proceeding.

Abengoa Solar will participate in this proceeding through its representatives, whose information is as follows:

¹ *Motion of the California Wind Energy Association Regarding 2012 Renewable Portfolio Standard Procurement Plans*, p. 6.

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Mr. Day will serve as the primary contact for Abengoa Solar for this proceeding.

Mr. McMannes will be on the "Information Only" Service List for this proceeding.

Abengoa Solar requests the Commission to grant its motion and allow it to participate as a party in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of January, 2012 at San Francisco, California.

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VERIFICATION

I, Tandy McMannes, am the Vice President for Business Development for Abengoa Solar, Inc., and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. The statements in the foregoing Motion of Abengoa Solar Inc. for Party Status are true of my own knowledge, except as to the 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 foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on January 30, 2012 at San Francisco, California.



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