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I.

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Rule 1.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Ruth Henricks respectfully submits this motion for party status in the instant proceeding.

II.

DESCRIPTION OF PARTY AND INTEREST IN PROCEEDING

Ms Henricks seeks party status in order to conduct discovery and participate in all other facets as an active party in this proceeding. Ms. Henrick's participation in this hearing directly relates to the fact that the issues addressed and potentially resolved in this proceeding may adversely affect Ms. Henrick's non-profit and small business operations in San Diego and other non-profit and small businesses similarly situated. Ms. Henrick's interests are not represented by any party in this proceeding. Ms. Henrick's participation is directly relevant to the issues raised in the Commission Rulemaking of New Safety and Reliability Regulations for Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Pipelines and Related Ratemaking Mechanisms

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III.

MOVANT HAS A DEMONSTRATED INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THESE PROCEEDINGS

Ms. Henricks has a demonstrated interest in protecting small business and non-profit ratepayers who use natural gas in SDG&E's service area. Ms. Henricks also understands the need for reaching a resolution of the outstanding issues. Ms. Henricks seeks party status in this proceeding in order to advance and protect the interests of small business owners and non-profits whose interests are implicated in this proceeding. The small business and non-profit customers clearly have an interest in the cost and quality of the services that they receive from the energy utilities that are the subject of this proceeding. Ms. Henricks has demonstrated her diligent commitment to protecting the small business and non-profit ratepayer in the related proceeding and in earlier proceedings in which she intervened in proceeding before the Commission to protect ratepayers from higher rates caused by Enron and other manipulators of California's electricity prices.

Intervenor Henricks operates Special Delivery San Diego, a non-profit food preparation and food delivery service to any clients living with a life threatening illness (including HIV and AIDS patients) and/or those needing emergency nutritional assistance and who are financially unable to meet those needs. Ms. Henricks must operate the non-profit foundation on a restricted budget.

As a proprietor of a non-profit organization, Ruth Henricks does not accept fees from its clients and receives no government funding. Ms. Henricks relies primarily upon donations from private individuals, private foundations and corporate contributions as its sources of income.

However, no funds from any of these sources have been obtained to directly support Ms. Henricks' participation in these proceedings.¹

Intervenor Ms. Henricks' also represents an interest that would otherwise be unrepresented.

Accordingly, Ms. Henricks requests the Commission grant her party status in this Application. Ms. Henricks further requests that her formal appearance be entered in this proceeding as follows and requests she be added to the service list as a party.

Under Rule 1.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, Ms. Henricks respectfully submits her motion for party status in the instant proceeding. Ms. Henricks requests the Commission grant her party status in Application R.11-02-019. Ms. Henricks further requests that her formal appearance be entered in this proceeding and request that she be added to the service list as a party,

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¹ More detailed information about Ruth Henricks' financial position can be provided when Ruth Henricks submits her actual request for compensation. However, it should be noted that the test for significant financial hardship looks to the economic interests of the individual members of the groups being represented in comparison of the costs of the effective participation, not the resources of the organization representing the interested group.

IV.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Ms. Henricks respectfully requests to be granted party status in this proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted,

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