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Pursuant to Rule 1.4(a) and Rule 11.1(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Zephyr Power Transmission, LLC ("Zephyr") hereby moves for party status in this proceeding.

Zephyr is a Delaware limited liability company established for the purpose of developing and financing the Zephyr transmission project, a proposed 975-mile, 3,000 megawatt high-voltage direct current (HVDC) merchant transmission line that is planned to originate in southeastern Wyoming and terminate south of Las Vegas, Nevada in the Eldorado Valley (the "Zephyr Project"). The Zephyr Project will interconnect to the California Independent System Operator ("CAISO") balancing authority area to facilitate the sale of electricity generated by wind-energy facilities in Wyoming to California load serving entities.

On April 5, 2012, Commissioner Ferron issued an Assigned Commissioner Ruling ("ACR") in this proceeding which contained seven new proposals for revising the RPS procurement process. Several of these proposals concern transmission cost estimates and the interconnection process. The ACR also includes a proposal for minimizing the cost of deliverability upgrades triggered by the large volume of renewable projects in the CAISO's interconnection queue. Zephyr intends to submit comments on four of these proposals, according to the schedule set forth in the ACR. For these reasons, Zephyr has a significant interest in this 71821083.1 0046130-00001

proceeding, and requests that the Commission grant its motion for party status. Zephyr's participation will not prejudice any party nor will it cause any delay or expand the scope of this proceeding.

Zephyr requests the following individual to be added to the service list on behalf of Zephyr:

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PARTYSTATUSOFZEPHYRPOWERTRANSMISSION,LLC onallknowninterested parties of record in R.11-05-005 by electronic mail. Any party on the service list who has not providedan electronic mailaddresswasserved bycopies placed in properly addressed sealed envelopes deposited in the U.S.mail with first-class postage prepaid.

DatedatSanFrancisco, Californiathis 27th day of June, 2012.

/s/ Debbie DeRivero

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