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The Alliance for Solar Choice ("TASC") hereby moves to become a party in the above-captioned proceeding under Rule 1.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

I. TASC's Interest in the Proceeding

TASC advocates for maintaining successful distributed solar energy policies throughout the United States. Founding members represent the majority of the nation's rooftop solar market and include SolarCity, Sungevity, Sunrun and Verengo. These companies are responsible for tens of thousands of residential, school and commercial solar installations in the State of California and have brought thousands of jobs and many tens of millions of dollars of investment to California's cities and towns.

TASC was formed on the belief that everyone should have the option to switch from utility power to distributed solar power and realize the financial benefits therein. The organization is committed to supporting retail net metering ("NEM"), which empowers customer choice by providing fair credit to homes, businesses, churches, schools, public agencies, and other neighborhood places when solar systems generate on-site energy. Americans' desire to

assert control over their electric bills has largely driven the rooftop solar market, and this customer empowerment should be encouraged and supported.

This proceeding will directly impact TASC members' core business models. Rate design sends price signals to inform the decisions of residential customers regarding whether to invest in solar energy systems. The existing tiered rate structure has been in place during a period of unprecedented growth in the solar industry. As an organization comprised of providers of residential solar services, TASC is directly impacted by any changes to the existing rate design and has a strong interest in this proceeding.

II. The Factual and Legal Contentions TASC Intends to Make in This Proceeding are Pertinent to the Issues Already Presented.

TASC requests party status so that it may stay informed of any proposed changes to existing rate structures, which are vital to members' business models, and so that it may provide input as appropriate moving forward. TASC expects to positively contribute to the record based on its members' extensive experience as participants in Commission-approved programs targeting residential customers, including the California Solar Initiative. TASC accepts the record established thus far in Rulemaking 12-06-013, and its participation will not prejudice any party, delay the schedule or broaden the scope of the proceeding.

III. Service List

TASC respectfully requests that the Commission list Tim Lindl as its representative in this matter, with the following information:

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IV. Conclusion

The Commission should grant TASC status as a party in this proceeding with all of the rights attached thereto.

Respectfully submitted,



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