

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Oversee  
the Resource Adequacy Program, Consider  
Program Refinements, and Establish  
Annual Local Procurement Obligations.

Rulemaking 11-10-023  
(Filed October 20, 2011)

**MOTION OF UCS FOR PARTY STATUS**

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Pursuant to Rules 1.4 and 11.1 of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Union of Concerned Scientists (“UCS”) submits this motion requesting party status in this proceeding.

### **I. DESCRIPTION OF UCS**

UCS is a non-profit, membership organization devoted to building a healthier environment and a safer world through the use of rigorous scientific analysis, innovative thinking and committed citizen advocacy. UCS conducts scientific and technical analysis and research in the public interest, disseminates the results of this research and analysis to the general public, and presents its views and assists members in presenting their views before administrative agencies and courts.<sup>1</sup> UCS has participated in numerous Commission proceedings over the past 20 years, with a focus on representing our California members’ interest in matters concerning renewable energy procurement, greenhouse gas reduction policies, and long-term procurement planning.

### **II. STATEMENT OF INTEREST**

UCS seeks to intervene as a party in this proceeding to participate actively in all issues related to the analysis of what types and quantity of resource adequacy procurement will be needed to ensure a reliable grid as we continue to make a transition away from fossil-fuel generated electricity. UCS has been an active participant in other related proceedings at the Commission, focused on long-term energy planning and clean energy investments including R.12-03-014, the long-term procurement planning proceeding, and R.11-05-005, the Renewables Portfolio Standard proceeding.

UCS has 77,000 individual members nationwide, with over 14,000 members in California. These members are residential electricity customers. UCS’s participation will focus on specific and substantive contributions to ensure that clean energy resources are utilized as resource adequacy products to the fullest extent, to help save electricity customers from

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<sup>1</sup> The Union of Concerned Scientists, Bylaws, Article II. The Bylaws were previously filed with the Docket Office and the assigned Administrative Law Judge in R.04-04-003. Parties may request a copy from the undersigned.

unnneeded fossil fuel investments, improve air quality, and lower greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming. UCS plans to provide factual information and analyses to ensure that the resource adequacy program avoids unnecessary fossil fuel investments and enables the state to rely on larger quantities of clean energy generation in the future.

### III. SERVICE

Service of notices, orders, and other communications and correspondence in this proceeding should be directed to the following individual:

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If granted party status in this proceeding, UCS requests email-only service.

### III. CONCLUSION

UCS'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, UCS respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion for Party Status. To obtain a copy of this notice, please contact Austin Hoffman at 510-809-1561 or ahoffman@ucsusa.org.

Respectfully submitted,



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