## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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# MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS OF THE COALITION OF ENERGY USERS

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Pursuant to Rule 1.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC), the Coalition of Energy Users (CEU) moves for party status in this proceeding.

#### I. BACKGROUND

On September 25, 2013, the Commission initiated Rulemaking ("R") 13-09-011 to address enhancing the role of demand response in meeting California's renewable energy goals while maintaining system and local reliability. On January 24, 2014, the Commission issued a Decision approving two year bridge funding for demand response programs.

### II. BASIS FOR SEEKING PARTY STATUS

The Coalition of Energy Users represents approximately 5,000 supporters throughout California, of whom we believe the vast majority are residential ratepayers. CEU is especially distinguished from other participants by a free-market based grassroots citizens' perspective that emphasizes the benefits of competition in achieving economic and environmental social betterment.

These residential and small business constituents who take service as customers of the investor-owned utilities have an interest in ensuring the state's energy efficiency goals are pursued in a way that maximizes access to affordable energy and quality jobs while minimizing negative unintended consequences.

CEU is currently a party to R. 13-0-11-005, which examines energy efficiency program funding through 2015, "Rolling Portfolios," and various energy efficiency issues. This proceeding includes overlapping issues with R. 13-09-011 including the scope of funding to be provided and how to maximize the effectiveness of this funding while minimizing "free-ridership," uncertainty, overlaps, and shortages among other challenges.

CEU intends to evaluate the impacts of proposed demand response program changes on effectiveness, equity and access to quality jobs.

CEU's participation in this proceeding as a party will not prolong or delay this proceeding, nor will it adversely impact the interests of existing parties. However, the interests of CEU's constituents could be adversely affected if this motion is not granted.

#### **III. SERVICE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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#### IV. **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, the Coalition of Energy Users respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion and designate the Coalition of Energy Users as a party in this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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