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In accordance with the provisions of Rule 1.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), Powertree Services, Inc. ("Powertree") respectfully moves for party status in this proceeding.

I. <u>DESCRIPTION OF POWERTREE SERVICES INC.</u>

Powertree is a developer, owner, and operator of integrated solar PV generation, grid-tied energy storage, and plug-in electric vehicle ("PEV") charging services referred to in its public marketing and investor-related materials as the "Powertree." Powertree's business model is focused on developments of integrated PEV generation, energy storage, and PEV systems called Powertrees in multi-unit residential dwellings and commercial multi-tenant properties. Powertree is currently deploying a substantial number of integrated projects in California that include PEVs and are within the scope of this proceeding and the Proposed Decision.

II. <u>POWERTREE's INTEREST IN THIS PROCEEDING.</u>

Because Powertree has a direct interest in the subject matter, Powertree hereby moves for a ruling granting party status in order to file comments, and possible reply comments, on the *Proposed Decision Regarding Net Energy Metering Interconnection Eligibility for Storage* *Devices Paired With Net Energy Metering Generation Facilities,* issued April 5, 2014 ("Proposed Decision"). Powertree's comments are currently lodged with the Commission's Docket Office, pending a ruling granting this Motion for Party Status.

Powertree's comments relate directly to the potentially substantial, likely unintended, negative impact that Commission approval of the Proposed Decision in its present form may have on Powertree's business and development of the PEV industry in California. Powertree's comments will inform the Commission's record in this proceeding by explaining how the Proposed Decision should be modified to (i) avoid unduly constraining customer choice and storage use cases, including those for electric vehicle charging support, (ii) establish a presumption that NEM integrity requirements are met if the power capacity in kW of the energy storage device paired with a NEM-eligible generation facility is no greater than the peak load of the host site served by the faculty and the device discharges no more than 12.5 kilowatt-hours of usable energy per kilowatt capacity, (iii) rely on the existing metering methodologies but allow the use of device internal metering in lieu of a formula or net generation output meter, and (iv) change how mixed use metering should be credited especially in the case of the provision of ancillary services to the CAISO or utilities concurrent with on premise NEM-eligible load and generation.

III. <u>NOTICES.</u>

Service of notices, orders, and other communications and correspondence in this proceeding should be directed to Powertree's counsel at the address set forth below:

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IV. CONCLUSION.

Powertree'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, Powertree respectfully moves for a ruling that this motion for party status should be granted and the Commission's Docket Office should be directed to accept Powertree's Comments for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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