

Attachment #4 to Vote Solar Initiative Claim of Intervenor Compensation
In R.12-03-014 (May 12, 2014)

**REQUEST FOR FIRST-TIME REPRESENTATIVE
HOURLY RATE FOR ERIC JANSSEN**

Explanation of request for hourly rate and summary of experience

Vote Solar requests a first-time representative hourly rate for Eric Janssen, paralegal at Ellison, Schneider & Harris, of \$100/hour for 2013 and 2014. Mr. Janssen has no previously adopted rate approved by the Commission.

Mr. Janssen has been a paralegal for 15 years and has spent all of these years working in the energy field assisting the attorneys at Ellison, Schneider & Harris and various clients on a multitude of proceedings at the Commission. Prior to becoming a paralegal, Mr. Janssen worked for 5 years at the Independent Energy Producers Association (a trade group representing energy generators and power marketers) in an administrative capacity.

Over the past 15 years, Mr. Janssen has worked for attorneys representing customer, electricity producer and power marketer interests on a wide variety of utility applications and Commission rulemakings and investigations. Mr. Janssen has also worked on siting cases and rulemakings at the California Energy Commission.

Mr. Janssen's requested first-time representative hourly rate of \$100 for 2013 and 2014 is reasonable. It is less than the authorized rate for a similarly experienced paralegal that was approved in 2008, in D.08-07-019. Mr. Janssen holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and has completed paralegal certificate coursework through UC Extension. Accordingly, a rate of \$100 is reasonable.

Summary Resume of Eric Janssen

Education

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Economics from University of California, Davis (1989)

Paralegal coursework, University of California, Davis Extension (1999)

Experience

Has worked in the energy field continuously since 1992:

- Ellison, Schneider & Harris, Paralegal 1997-present.

- Specialize in practice before the California Public Utilities Commission in particular, other California and federal energy-related agencies in general, and California courts. Expertise in formal filing procedures, case management, document preparation and editing, legal research.
- Independent Energy Producers Association, Administrator 1992-1997
 - Handled all administrative matters for trade association staffed by between 3 and 5 people, including payroll, vendor relations, accounting, office and event organizing.