

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Alternative-fueled Vehicle Programs, Tariffs, and Policies.

Rulemaking 13-11-007
(Filed November 14, 2013)

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLAIM INTERVENOR COMPENSATION
AND, IF REQUESTED (and checked), ALJ RULING
ON TURN'S SHOWING OF SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL HARDSHIP**

Customer (party intending to claim intervenor compensation): The Utility Reform Network (TURN)			
Assigned Commissioner: Carla Peterman		Assigned ALJ: Irene K. Moosen	
I hereby certify that the information I have set forth in Parts I, II, III and IV of this Notice of Intent (NOI) is true to my best knowledge, information and belief. I further certify that, in conformance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure, this NOI and has been served this day upon all required persons (as set forth in the Certificate of Service attached as Attachment 1).			
Signature: /s/			
Date:	3/27/2014	Printed Name:	Nina Suetake

PART I: PROCEDURAL ISSUES

(To be completed by the party ("customer") intending to claim intervenor compensation)

A. Status as "customer" (see Pub. Util. Code § 1802(b)): The party claims "customer" status because it (check one):	Applies (check)
1. Category 1: Represents consumers, customers, or subscribers of any electrical, gas, telephone, telegraph, or water corporation that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission (§ 1802(b)(1)(A))	
2. Category 2: Is a representative who has been authorized by a "customer" (§ 1802(b)(1)(B)).	
3. Category 3: Represents a group or organization authorized pursuant to its articles of incorporation or bylaws to represent the interests of residential customers, to represent "small commercial customers" (§ 1802(h)) who receive bundled electric service from an electrical corporation (§ 1802(b)(1)(C)), or to represent another eligible group.	X
4. The party's explanation of its customer status, economic interest (if any), with any documentation (such as articles of incorporation or bylaws) that supports the party's "customer" status. Any attached documents should be identified in Part IV. TURN is a "group or organization authorized pursuant to its articles of incorporation or bylaws to represent the interests of residential ratepayers." TURN provided the relevant portion of our articles of incorporation in the NOI submitted in A.98-02-017, and again in A.99-12-024. The articles of incorporation have not changed since the time of those	

earlier submissions. D.98-04-059 directs groups such as TURN to indicate the percentage of their members that are residential ratepayers. Id., FOF 12. TURN has approximately 20,000 dues paying members, of whom we believe the vast majority are residential ratepayers. TURN does not poll our members in a manner that would allow a precise breakdown between residential and small business members, so a precise percentage is not available.

TURN does not have any direct economic interest in the outcomes the Commission may adopt in this proceeding.

B. Conflict of Interest (§ 1802.3)	Check
<p>1. Is the customer a representative of a group representing the interests of small commercial customers who receive bundled electric service from an electrical corporation?</p> <p>TURN's primary charge is to represent the interests of residential customers. In many instances, the issues in a Commission proceeding implicate similar if not identical interests for small commercial customers. In those instances, TURN often represents the interests of small commercial customers as well as residential customers. However, for purposes of Section 1802.3, TURN's assessment is that it is not a customer representing the interests of small commercial customers who received bundled electric service.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>2. If the answer to the above question is "Yes", does the customer have conflict arising from prior representation before the commission?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

C. Timely Filing of NOI (§ 1804(a)(1)):	Check
<p>1. Is the party's NOI filed within 30 days after a Prehearing Conference? Date of Prehearing Conference: February 26, 2014</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2. Is the party's NOI filed at another time (for example, because no Prehearing Conference was held, the proceeding will take less than 30 days, the schedule did not reasonably allow parties to identify issues within the timeframe normally permitted, or new issues have emerged)?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2a. The party's description of the reasons for filing its NOI at this other time: n/a</p>	
<p>2b. The party's information on the proceeding number, date, and decision number for any Commission decision, Commissioner ruling, or ALJ ruling, or other document authorizing the filing of its NOI at that other time: n/a</p>	

PART II: SCOPE OF ANTICIPATED PARTICIPATION

(To be completed by the party (“customer”) intending to claim intervenor compensation)

A. Planned Participation (§ 1804(a)(2)(A)(i)):

Nature and Extent of Planned Participation

TURN plans to participate actively on the full range of issues identified in this proceeding. On those issues that we address, we intend to participate in workshops and draft comments on staff white papers regarding those issues. If necessary, TURN will prepare testimony, participate in evidentiary hearings, and file briefs. TURN will also prepare comments on the proposed and any alternate decisions ultimately issued by the Commission.

Economic Interest of Participation

In this proceeding TURN will represent the interests of its residential and small business constituents who are customers of the electric IOUs.

Issues Likely to Be Addressed

TURN expects to address the full range of issues presented in this proceeding including:

- Vehicle-Grid integration
- EV Rate Design
- Financing

Avoiding Undue Duplication

As in previous dockets before the Commission, TURN expects to work closely and coordinate with ORA and other intervenors such as The Consumer Federation of California where there is an overlap in issues. This coordination will serve to minimize any undue duplication of effort and will enable each party to most efficiently manage their advocacy efforts. The Commission should recognize that the combined efforts of the consumer representatives will ensure that residential ratepayer interests are well represented in this utility-heavy proceeding.

B. The party’s itemized estimate of the compensation that the party expects to request, based on the anticipated duration of the proceeding (§ 1804(a)(2)(A)(ii)):

Item	Hours	Rate \$	Total \$	#
ATTORNEY FEES				
Nina Suetake	150	320	48,0000	1
	Subtotal:		48,000.00	
EXPERT FEES				
Expert Witness	25	175.00	4375	2
	Subtotal:		4375.00	

OTHER FEES			
NA		0	0
	Subtotal:		0
COSTS			
Estimated Miscellaneous Expenses (i.e., Electronic Research, Travel, Telecommunications, Photocopying)			1,000.00 3
	Subtotal:		1,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATE \$:			53,375.00
<p>Comments/Elaboration (use reference # from above):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The reasonableness of the hourly rates requested for TURN's representatives will be addressed in our Request for Compensation (#1). <input type="checkbox"/> TURN has not included in this estimate claim preparation time (#1). <input type="checkbox"/> TURN anticipates hiring an outside consultant to assist with analysis of the application, prepare testimony, and appear for cross-examination if necessary. TURN has not retained the services of a specific expert and therefore puts this entry in as a reasonable proxy and placeholder. (#2) <input type="checkbox"/> The amount of any future request for compensation will depend upon the Commission's ultimate decision in this case, as well as the resources TURN has available to devote to the case going forward. 			
<p>When entering items, type over bracketed text; add additional rows to table as necessary. Estimate may (but does not need to) include estimated claim preparation time. Claim preparation is typically compensated at ½ of preparer's normal hourly rate.</p>			

PART III: SHOWING OF SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

(To be completed by party ("customer") intending to claim intervenor compensation; see Instructions for options for providing this information)

A. The party claims "significant financial hardship" for its claim for intervenor compensation in this proceeding on the following basis:	Applies (check)
1. "[T]he customer cannot afford, without undue hardship, to pay the costs of effective participation, including advocate's fees, expert witness fees, and other reasonable costs of participation" (§ 1802(g)); or	
2. "[I]n the case of a group or organization, the economic interest of the individual members of the group or organization is small in comparison to the costs of effective participation in the proceeding" (§ 1802(g)).	
3. A § 1802(g) finding of significant financial hardship in another proceeding, made within one year prior to the commencement of this proceeding, created a rebuttable presumption of eligibility for compensation in this proceeding (§ 1804(b)(1)).	X
ALJ ruling (or CPUC decision) issued in proceeding number: A.12-11-009	

Date of ALJ ruling (or CPUC decision): September 6, 2013

B. The party's explanation of the factual basis for its claim of "significant financial hardship" (§ 1802(g)) (necessary documentation, if warranted, is attached to the NOI):

**PART IV: THE PARTY’S ATTACHMENTS DOCUMENTING SPECIFIC
ASSERTIONS MADE IN THIS NOTICE**

(The party (“customer”) intending to claim intervenor compensation identifies and attaches documents (add rows as necessary.) Documents are not attached to final ALJ ruling.)

Attachment No.	Description
1	Certificate of Service (filed as a separate attachment)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RULING¹
(ALJ completes)

	Check all that apply
1. The Notice of Intent (NOI) is rejected for the following reasons:	
a. The NOI has not demonstrated status as a “customer” for the following reason(s):	
b. The NOI has not demonstrated that the NOI was timely filed (Part I(B)) for the following reason(s):	
c. The NOI has not adequately described the scope of anticipated participation (Part II, above) for the following reason(s):	
2. The NOI has demonstrated significant financial hardship for the reasons set forth in Part III of the NOI (above).	
3. The NOI has not demonstrated significant financial hardship for the following reason(s):	
4. The ALJ provides the following additional guidance (see § 1804(b)(2)):	

¹ An ALJ Ruling will not be issued unless: (a) the NOI is deficient; (b) the ALJ desires to address specific issues raised by the NOI (to point out similar positions, areas of potential duplication in showings, unrealistic expectations for compensation, or other matters that may affect the customer’s claim for compensation); or (c) the NOI has included a claim of “significant financial hardship” that requires a finding under § 1802(g).

IT IS RULED that:

	Check all that apply
1. The Notice of Intent is rejected.	
2. Additional guidance is provided to the customer as set forth above.	
3. The customer has satisfied the eligibility requirements of Pub. Util. Code § 1804(a).	
4. The customer has shown significant financial hardship.	
5. The customer is preliminarily determined to be eligible for intervenor compensation in this proceeding. However, a finding of significant financial hardship in no way ensures compensation.	

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE