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I. Introduction

William B. Abrams respectfully moves for party status in this proceeding in accordance with Section 1.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure.

II. Interest in this Proceeding

Rule 1.4.b in the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure state that a person seeking party status by motion shall:

- (1) fully disclose the persons or entities in whose behalf the filing, appearance or motion is made, and the interest of such persons or entities in the proceeding; and
- (2) state the factual and legal contentions that the person intends to make and show that the contentions will be reasonably pertinent to the issues already presented.

A. Individual Purpose and Relevance

As a survivor of the Tubbs Fire in October 2017, I have a personal perspective that is important to bring to this proceeding. Since the fires, I have been working with local agencies and fellow fire survivors on a number of recovery and resiliency initiatives. These types of local efforts around wildfire cost recovery are directly related to these matters before the Commission. In addition to these experiences, I have professional experience working in leadership, managerial and strategy consultant roles within diverse private, government and nonprofit sectors that I hope will bring added perspective around the ideation and outcomes of these important proceedings.

B. Statement of Interest

As I look to rebuild my home and my community since the wildfires of October, 2017, I am acutely aware that we are largely reliant upon PG&E to organize and manage their company in a way that mitigates wildfire ignition and propagation risks. Locally, we required to do home hardening, vegetation management and other activities to mitigate our risks as citizens. My neighbors and I know that the work we do on our own property helps to protect our community as a whole. Similarly, PG&E if it is to transform itself into a good corporate citizen must ensure that it has the culture and governance structure to prioritize safety and wildfire mitigation.

Given that my family and I narrowly escaped the fires in October 2017, I want to ensure that when my home and my community is rebuilt it is safe from PG&E caused wildfires. I see it as my responsibility as a father and a citizen to work with PG&E, the California Public Utilities Commission and other parties to seek solutions on our collective road to recovery and resiliency. Specifically, I have interest in ensuring that the corporate structure of PG&E is rebuilt in a way that ensures safe and reliable service up and down the organization. The lives and livelihoods of the families that live in the PG&E service area rely upon the success of this proceeding. Climate change, increased wildfire risks and other external factors drive home the importance of ensuring PG&E is structured for the long-term safety and security of our energy grid.

III. Notice

Service of notices, orders, and other correspondence in this proceeding should be directed to William B. Abrams at the address set forth below:

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IV. Conclusion

William B. Abrams 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, William B. Abrams respectfully requests that the CPUC grant this Motion for Party Status filing.

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Respectfully submitted,

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