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I. Introduction

Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) respectfully moves for party status in this proceeding in accordance with Section 1.4 and 1.11 of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure.

II. Background and Interest in this Proceeding

PCWA was established by an Act of the California State Legislature in 1957 (PCWA Act). PCWA was created to secure and develop water rights in Placer County to ensure an adequate water supply for the county's future economic development. PCWA is governed by a five (5)-member elected Board of Directors that represents the entire geographic area of Placer County.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) owns and operate the Drum-Spaulding Project; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2310-193. The Drum-Spaulding Project is located on the west slope of the Sierra Nevada on the South Yuba River, Bear River, North Fork of the North Fork American River, and tributaries in the Sacramento River watershed in Nevada and Placer Counties, California. PG&E was responsible for providing retail raw and treated water service from the Drum-Spaulding Project for much of Placer County prior to the creation of PCWA.

Over the years, PG&E sold its retail water delivery business and parts of its water delivery systems to PCWA, so that PG&E could concentrate on its core businesses, namely generation and delivery of electric power, and wholesale delivery of water. In 1968, PCWA purchased PG&E's lower Placer Water System, including the distribution canals and treated water systems and rights (via contract) annually for 100,400 acre-feet of water supply from the Drum-Spaulding Project to serve customers in the cities of Auburn, Rocklin, Loomis, Lincoln, and surrounding unincorporated areas. In 1982, PCWA purchased the remainder of PG&E's Placer County retail water system and contracted for an additional 25,000 acre-feet annually from the Drum-Spaulding Project, to supply water to serve customers between the communities of Alta and Auburn.

PCWA's primary interest in this proceeding is to ensure the Drum-Spaulding Project is operated and maintained sufficient to provide continued, reliable water deliveries for the residents of Placer County. To the extent the Commission is considering options for separating PG&E business functions and/or the reconstituting PG&E as publicly owned utilities, PCWA's direct and fundamental interests, as set forth above, are implicated.

III. Notice

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

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IV. Conclusion

PCWA'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, PCWA respectfully requests that the CPUC grant this Motion for Party Status filing.

Dated: February 15, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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