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Pursuant to Rule 7.2(a) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (“Commission”), and the Administrative Law Judge’s (“ALJ”) October 13, 2015 Ruling Setting Prehearing Conference (“October 13 Ruling”) in the above-captioned proceeding, the State Water Contractors (“SWC”) respectfully submits its Prehearing Conference Statement and states as follows:

I. RESPONSES TO ALJ RULING QUESTIONS

According to the October 13 Ruling, Prehearing Conference Statements should include discussion of the following matters:

- Procedural schedule;
- Scope of issues to be included in (or excluded from) the proceeding;
- Need for evidentiary hearings;
- Appropriate category for this proceeding;
- Discovery issues; and
- List and description of other matters the parties wish to address at the Prehearing Conference.

SWC has moved for party status today, October 27, 2015. SWC takes no position at this time regarding the scope of issues to be included (or excluded) from this proceeding, the need for evidentiary hearings or the appropriate category for this proceeding. Regarding the procedural schedule and discovery, SWC is assessing the areas for which it will pursue discovery. SWC requests that any Scoping Order or other ruling setting the parameters of this case provide the parties with enough flexibility to conduct meaningful discovery to understand the methodologies and expenses proposed in PG&E's General Rate Case Application. SWC reserves the right to take and advocate positions as to the above-listed matters at the October 29, 2015 Prehearing Conference or subsequently, as appropriate, in this proceeding.

II. CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the State Water Contractors respectfully request that the Administrative Law Judge consider its Prehearing Conference Statement in developing a Scoping Order or other ruling setting the procedural schedule, scope and rules for this proceeding.

Dated: October 27, 2015, at Sacramento, California.

Respectfully submitted,

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