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In accordance with Rule 1.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the City of Santa Rosa submits its motion for party status in this proceeding.

I. INTRODUCTION

Santa Rosa has a vested and ongoing interest on behalf of its residents in wildfire safety issues arising from the devastating wildfires that occurred in early October 2017 in the City of Santa Rosa and surrounding Counties in the North Bay (North Bay fires). The North Bay fires consumed a combined 245,000 acres, destroyed or damaged 8,900 structures, put 192 people in the hospital, and killed 44. Santa Rosa's residents continue to deal with the impact and loss they have experienced as a result of those tragic wildfires.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Application proposes a \$5.5 billion Community Wildfire Safety Program, which it asserts will focus on enhanced vegetation management, system hardening for overhead electrical infrastructure, improved technology and system monitoring, and other support programs. PG&E created its Community Wildfire Safety Program in response to the 2017 North Bay fires.

II. INTEREST IN THIS PROCEEDING

The City wishes to become a party to this proceeding because it was impacted by the October 2017 North Bay fires and may potentially be impacted by future wildfires, and because PG&E's Community Wildfire Safety Program will directly affect the City and its residents. The City's goal is to restore the basic sense of safety and security for its residents and the community that they once enjoyed. The City is also intent on preventing future tragedies like the North Bay fires.

No party will be prejudiced by the City's participation in this proceeding.

III. FACTUAL AND LEGAL CONTENTIONS

Santa Rosa will examine the program elements and associated costs for PG&E's \$5.5 billion Community Wildfire Safety Program to ensure that the program that the Commission ultimately adopts will improve wildfire safety and not unjustifiably increase customer rates.

IV. CONTACT INFORMATION

Copies of all pleadings, notices, rulings, orders, and other correspondence in this proceeding may be served on:

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V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the City of Santa Rosa respectfully requests party status in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted March 19, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

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