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**I. Introduction**

The Kern County Taxpayers Association, KernTax, 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) provides that a person seeking party status by filing a motion to become a party 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.

KernTax is a member-supported, 501(c) 4 non-profit corporation, with the mission to bring about more accountable, effective, efficient, reliable government. Basing its actions on common sense, innovation, and the long-term view, KernTax crafts positions based on adopted values. Founded in 1939, KernTax is the guard dog protecting the interests of Kern County taxpayers.

KernTax views any government collection of funds through any financial conduit to be taxation, be it an identified as a tax, a fee for government service or a regulated rate structure. If it is excessive or not appropriate, KernTax must, by charter, act to educate and facilitate resolution and ensure fair representation and treatment. We do not seek subsidies; we seek a fair return to our local citizens from all regulatory bodies and their agents for levied taxes, fees, or regulated services.

Our members and non-member residents of the southern portion of the Central Valley are again seeking our support in helping them present their concerns and issues as they relate to the CPUC ratemaking proceeding. KernTax is deeply interested in the proceeding as a representative of both the small business owners and the residents of Kern County (both wage earners and the underserved). Kern County is a major producer of energy including renewable energy. We believe that our participation on behalf of our base will aid the CPUC in understanding our issues in Kern County as well as the southern portion of the Central Valley to better guide the utility resource selection and the subsequent ratemaking. Our interest is in helping the CPUC ensure that much needed utility service is provided to Kern County in a manner reflecting the CPUC's objectives, good economic principles and conformity with legislative intent.

### **III. Notice**

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

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### **IV. Conclusion**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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