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I. Introduction

Californians for Green Nuclear Power, Inc. (CGNP) 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

A. Qualifications: Californians for Green Nuclear Power, Inc. has several relevant qualifications to participate in proceeding. We are an independent not-for-profit educational organization recognized in 2016 by the Internal Revenue Service under section 501(c)(3). We are independent of any public utility or other organization with an economic interest regarding the operation of California's natural gas bulk transmission and storage system.

Our independence brings a unique perspective regarding the operation of nuclear power plants in California. We have been granted CPUC Intervenor status in CPUC proceeding A1509001, were an adverse intervenor in A1608006 - and received intervenor compensation for CGNP's significant contributions, and have applications pending in several other CPUC proceedings and a CPUC investigation. We have a number of Ph.D.s and other advanced degree holders in natural science, engineering, or other relevant fields who serve on our board, serve as specialized experts, or are general members. While being opposed to PG&E's voluntary request to the CPUC to close DCPD in 2025 as not serving the public interest, CGNP has a keen interest in the safety, economics, and time course of California's planned transition away from an electricity system powered by fossil fuels.

Since 2013, we have participated in the activities of many government entities or oversight bodies regarding the continued safe operation of DCPD, providing in-person testimony and/or written testimony. Those government entities include the California Energy Commission (CEC), the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee (DCISC), the California Coastal Commission (CCC), the California State Lands Commission (CASLC), the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR,) the California Assembly, the California Senate, the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC,) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC.)

B. Californians for Green Nuclear Power, Inc. has several aims within this proceeding. CGNP was initially established as a group in 2013 when its founders recognized that the vocal minority opponents of nuclear power currently appear to exert an outsized

influence on California nuclear power policy. Appeals to emotion by these detractors appear to have significant weight. For apparent institutional reasons, CGNP also notes that the California public utilities that own nuclear power plants have failed to strongly advocate for the well-established public safety, environmental, and economic benefits of nuclear power.

i. As scientists, engineers, economists, and legal professionals, we support an **evidence-based approach** to policy decisions. CGNP wishes to be able to weigh in on these important issues.

III. Notice

Service of notices, orders, and other correspondence in this proceeding should be directed to Californians for Green Nuclear Power, Inc. at the address set forth below:

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Electronic service is requested.

IV. Conclusion

Californians for Green Nuclear Power, Inc.'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, Californians for Green Nuclear Power, Inc. respectfully requests that the CPUC grant this Motion for Party Status filing.

Dated: December 1, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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