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I. INTRODUCTION

The California Metals Coalition (CMC) respectfully moves for party status in this proceeding in accordance with Rule 1.4(a)(4) of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure. CMC respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion on an expedited basis so that CMC may submit testimony by February 29, 2024.

II. DESCRIPTION OF CMC AND CMC'S INTEREST IN THIS PROCEEDING

CMC is a full-service, statewide organization supported by hundreds of metalworking companies throughout California. CMC was founded in 1972 to establish a unified voice for proactive metalworking businesses when engaging California's government on rulemaking and proposed laws. CMC members represent all sectors of the state's diverse metals industry, an

economic sector that accounts for \$87 billion in total economic activity and generates over 350,000 jobs in the state.¹

Many of CMC's members are customers of Southern California Edison (SCE) and will be directly impacted by the Commission's determination of SCE's revenue requirement in this proceeding. Electricity costs comprise a substantial portion of CMC members' business operations, and the significant rate impact associated with SCE's request poses a serious risk to those operations. As such, CMC members have a strong interest in ensuring that SCE's requested revenue requirements and recovery mechanisms are just and reasonable.

III. FACTUAL AND LEGAL CONTENTIONS AND DEMONSTRATION OF PERTINENCE

CMC's contentions will be pertinent to the reasonableness of SCE's proposed revenue requirements, costs, and recovery mechanisms. CMC's contentions will also address the impact of those proposals on CMC's member companies' operations as well as their ability to maintain and expand operations in the state of California. These contentions are reasonably pertinent to several of the scoped issues identified in the *Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling*, issued on September 5, 2023.² Specifically, these contentions are relevant to the following scoped issues:

1. Whether SCE's proposed revenue requirements, proposed costs, and proposed recovery mechanisms for TY 2025 are just and reasonable, and whether they should be approved by the Commission
2. Whether SCE's proposed post-test-year ratemaking mechanisms for 2026, 2027, and 2028 are just and reasonable, and whether they should be approved by the Commission

¹ See <https://www.metalscoalition.com/metals-industry.html>.

² Scoping Memo and Ruling at pp. 3-4.

3. Whether SCE's proposals to establish, modify, or eliminate various balancing and memorandum accounts are just and reasonable, consistent with legislative and Commission requirements, and should be approved by the Commission
4. Whether SCE's request for recovery of the balances of certain memorandum accounts, which include recorded entries and forecasts through December 31, 2024, is just and reasonable.

IV. NOTICE

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

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V. CONCLUSION

CMC appreciates the opportunity to file this motion to become a party, and its participation will not delay the schedule, nor broaden the scope of issues in this proceeding. For the reasons discussed above, CMC respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously approve this motion for party status so that CMC may submit testimony by February 29, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

CALIFORNIA METALS COALITION



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