BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of 2013 – 2014 Statewide Marketing, Education, and Outreach Program and Budget (U39M)	Application 12-08-007 (filed August 3, 2012)
And Related Matters	Application 12-08-008 Application 12-08-009 Application 12-08-010 (Filed August 3, 2012)

MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION

The California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) files this motion for party status in the above-captioned proceeding in accordance with Rules 1.4 and 11.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The ISO is the system operator of the ISO-controlled grid, a transmission system which includes portions of the PG&E transmission system and well as portions of transmission systems of the other investor owned utilities. The ISO is an integral participant in the Flex Alert program activities which support ISO's reliable operation of the Cal-ISO grid. The conservation program is intended to impact demand at times that

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¹ The ISO operates that portion of the Western Interconnection bulk power grid known as the CAISO-Controlled Grid, which includes the transmission systems of the Commission-jurisdictional IOUs Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company. This CAISO-Controlled Grid makes up approximately 80 percent of California's high power grid.

correlate to power supplies approaching capacity and stressed transmission and distribution system conditions. Accordingly, the ISO is uniquely situated to provide comments, evidence and other contributions in this proceeding, which, among other things, provide the ISO's perspective as the system operator and a "beneficiary" of the Flex Alert program. Indeed, as noted in the Scoping Memo:

There is one aspect of the utility applications that is time sensitive, which is related to the budgets for the Flex Alert program, which supports the State's and the California Independent System Operator's emergency efforts for summer preparedness in the event of system emergencies or power shortages.²

This aspect of the ISO's interest in the subject matter of the proceeding is not represented by any party.

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² Scoping Memo at p. 3.

The ISO respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion to become a party to this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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