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Subject: Public Advocates Office's Request for Data Request Stakeholder Designation

Docket: #2026-2028-Base-WMPs

Dear Director Thomas Jacobs,

The Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates) respectfully requests Data Request Stakeholder Designation for the 2026 to 2028 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) docket (#2026-2028-Base-WMPs), for data requests to all electrical corporations within the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Cal Advocates has a statutory duty to represent and advocate on behalf of the interests of public-utility customers within the jurisdiction of the CPUC, with the goal “to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels.”¹

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's (Energy Safety) reviews of each electrical corporation's WMP, and its subsequent actions to approve or deny WMPs, have a direct and immediate impact on the rates and availability of safe and reliable electric utility service for California's public-utility customers.² Cal Advocates frequently requires information from electrical corporations regarding their wildfire mitigation strategies and programs, methods of assessing wildfire risks, progress in implementing WMPs, the safety benefits achieved, and the costs associated with WMPs. This information is essential to Cal Advocates' statutory duty to

¹ Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code section 309.5(a).

² Pub. Util. Code section 8386(b), requires that each “electrical corporation shall annually prepare and submit a wildfire mitigation plan to the [CPUC's] Wildfire Safety Division for review and approval.” And the “Wildfire Safety Division shall approve or deny each wildfire mitigation plan and update submitted by an electrical corporation within three months of its submission.” Pub. Util. Code section 8386.3(a). Relatedly, CPUC will “consider whether the cost of implementing each electrical corporation's plan is just and reasonable in its general rate case application.” Pub. Util. Code section 8386.4(b)(1).

represent and advocate for the interests of customers served by electrical corporations in California.

Please designate the undersigned with the mailing address, email address, and telephone number below, as a representative of Cal Advocates.

Sincerely yours,

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