

1.4. (Rule 1.4) Participation in Proceedings.

(a) A person may become a party to a proceeding by:

- (1) filing an application (other than an application for rehearing pursuant to Rule 16.1), petition, or complaint;
- (2) filing (i) a protest or response to an application (other than an application for rehearing pursuant to Rule 16.1) or petition, or (ii) comments in response to a rulemaking;
- (3) making an oral motion to become a party at a prehearing conference or hearing; or
- (4) filing a motion to become a party.

(b) A person seeking party status by motion pursuant to subsection (a)(3) or(a)(4) of this rule 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.

(c) The assigned Administrative Law Judge may, where circumstances warrant, deny party status or limit the degree to which a party may participate in the proceeding.

(d) Any person named as a defendant to a complaint, or as a respondent to an investigation or a rulemaking, is a party to the proceeding.

Note: Authority cited: Section 1701, Public Utilities Code. Reference: Section 1701, Public Utilities Code.