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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

In the Matter of:) Docket No. # 19-SPPE-01
Laurelwood Data Center) Petition for Intervention
) Helping Hand Tools (2HT)
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PETITION TO INTERVENE OF HELPING HAND TOOLS (2HT)

Helping Hand Tools (2HT) hereby petitions to intervene in the proceeding for the Application for Certification of the Laurelwood Data Center, Section 1207 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure allow that, “Any person may file with the Docket Unit or the presiding committee member a petition to intervene in any proceeding. The petition shall set forth the grounds for the intervention, the position and interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, the extent to which the petitioner desires to participate in the proceedings, and the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner.”

2HT is a non-profit organization which has members throughout California including the project area. 2HT regularly opposes fossil fuel generation and promotes GHG free solutions. 2HT is particularly concerned with the impacts on the power generation facilities attached to data centers and their impacts on local communities, in particular environmental justice communities. These data centers have often historically been certified as exempt from full CEQA review based on substandard testing regimes, weak to nonexistent mitigation measures, and little to no regard for their long term impact on air quality and the health of local residents.

2HT is also concerned about the nitrogen deposition impacts to sensitive species that could potentially impact the special-status plant and wetland communities in the Guadalupe River corridor and Baylands Park.

Previous data centers in the area have attempted to skirt proper oversight by isolating the cumulative impacts of their power generation facilities from the overall impacts of the

data centers to which they are attached. It is of utmost concern to our organization that this not occur in this proceeding.

If granted intervention petitioner would like to participate in the topics of Alternatives, Air Quality, Public Health, Biology, and Reliability. We intend to participate fully in the proceeding with testimony, cross-examination and briefing.

Respectfully submitted,

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