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BEFORE THE

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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DOCKET NO. U-36992

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.

In re: Application for an increase in rates, including interim rates, and for the establishment of an emergency reserve fund.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE AS AN INTERESTED PARTY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, INC.

NOW BEFORE the Louisiana Public Service Commission (the "Commission" or "LPSC"), through undersigned counsel, comes the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, Inc. ("ALEC")¹ who hereby submits this Notice of Intent to Participate as an Interested Party in this proceeding as follows:

1.

ALEC is a cooperative association and trade organization which exists to represent the mutual interests of its regulated electric cooperative members, all of which provide retail electric service in Louisiana. One of the functions of ALEC is to represent its electric cooperative members in connection with matters of mutual interest and importance, including regulatory matters before the Commission. ALEC maintains its principal place of business at 10725 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816.

2.

The ALEC member cooperatives are each rural electric cooperatives, which provide electric service to over 300,000 meters statewide in 38 of the state's 64 parishes. The rates and services of each ALEC cooperative are regulated by the Commission. The principal place of

¹ ALEC's member cooperatives include Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("BECi"), Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Claiborne"), Dixie Electric Membership Corporation ("DEMCO"), Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("JDEC"), Panola-Harrison Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("PHEC"), South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association ("SLECA"), and Washington-St. Tammany Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("WST").

business of each ALEC cooperative is on record with and maintained by the Commission.

3.

Applicant, Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc. ("NELPCO"), initiated this proceeding on September 29, 2023 by filing an application for an increase in rates, including interim rates, and for the establishment of an emergency fund. Notice was published in the LPSC Official Bulletin No. 1308 dated October 13, 2023.

4.

As LPSC-regulated electric utilities which provide electric service to their members, the ALEC cooperatives have an interest in this proceeding. In addition, as a trade organization representing the ALEC cooperatives' mutual interests, ALEC has an interest in this proceeding and is permitted to intervene or participate as an interested party under Rule 10 of the LPSC's Rules of Practice and Procedure. ALEC thus seeks to participate in this docket <u>as an interested</u> party only in order to receive pleadings, notices, and rulings filed and issued in this docket.

5.

The deadline for filing interventions is within 15 days of the date of the Commission's Official Bulletin No. 1308, or by October 30, 2023, under the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Therefore, ALEC's request is timely.

6.

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WHEREFORE, the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, Inc. hereby requests that it be allowed to participate in this proceeding as an interested party and that it be placed on the LPSC official service list for this docket and included in the active participant list of parties in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing pleading to all parties on the official service list for this docket by email, U.S. Mail, facsimile, or hand delivery.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 30th day of October, 2023.

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