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From: California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-45  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Amendments to Regulations Implementing the Geothermal Grant and Loan Program

Project Location -- Specific: 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Location -- City: Sacramento Project Location -- County: Sacramento

Description of Project: Adoption of amendments to the Geothermal Grant and Loan Program regulations, located in sections 1660-1665 and Appendix A of Title 20, California Code of Regulations. The mission of the program is to promote and provide financial support for research on and development of California's vast geothermal energy resources. The program has been in operation since 1981; however, the existing program regulations have not been amended since their adoption in 1985. The primary purposes of the amendments are to update and streamline the program application process, clarify statutory requirements, and delete provisions that are outdated due to changes in statute or Energy Commission practice.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Energy Commission

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number. \_\_\_\_\_
- Common Sense Exemption. 15061(b)(3)

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Reasons why project is exempt: This project is an administrative rulemaking action to revise the existing regulations addressing how the Geothermal Grant and Loan Program is to be implemented. The regulatory revisions include provisions for submittal and review of grant and loan applications, as well as how the Energy Commission will score and make awards for the program. The regulatory revisions do not include provisions that physically impact the environment; therefore, there is no possibility that the rulemaking would have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Cheryl Closson Area code/Telephone/Ext: 916-651-0315

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: Cheryl Closson Date: 10/10/13 Title: Engineering Geologist

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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OCT 10 2013 Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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