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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Statewide

From: (Public Agency): California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512
(Address)

Project Title: Revisions to select elements of the Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook

Project Applicant: California Energy Commission

Project Location - Specific: Statewide

Project Location - City: Statewide
Project Location - County: Statewide

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Elements of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) Eligibility Guidebook were revised to address surplus retired renewable energy credits and the appeal process for RPS certification. The Energy Commission, local publicly owned electric utilities, and other market participants under the RPS will benefit from the revisions.

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: 15061(b)(3), 15378(b)(2) & (5)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The action is not a project under section 15378(b). The revisions to the previously adopted RPS Eligibility Guidebook are administrative in nature since they merely establish a process to account for the use of surplus retired renewable energy credits and update the appeal process for RPS certification. As such, the revisions are characterized as administrative activity related to general policy and procedure making.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Gabriel Herrera
Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916/654-5141

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: [Signature]
Date: March 9, 2016
Title: Staff Counsel

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: ___________________