Notice of Exemption

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212 Sacramento, California 95814 FROM: California Energy Commission 1516 9th Street Sacramento, California 95814

Project Title: Adoption of revisions to the Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook

Project Location: 1516 9th Street, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California 95814

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this activity is to revise guidelines previously adopted by the California Energy Commission to govern the certification of renewable energy resources eligible to satisfy the state's Renewables Portfolio Standard pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25740 et seq. and Public Utilities Code section 399.11 et seq. The guidelines were revised to address changes in the law as a result of Senate Bill 1036 (Statutes of 2007, Chapter 685) and Assembly Bill 809 (Statutes of 2007, Chapter 684), and to address regulatory and market developments. The California Energy Commission, operators and developers of renewable energy resources, and electric utilities benefit from the adoption of revisions to these guidelines.

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 Exemption. State code number:___

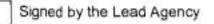
X_Other: Activity is not a "project" under Sec. 15378(b)(2) and (4), and falls within the "common sense" exception under Sec. 15061(b)(3).

<u>Reasons why project is exempt</u>: Activity is not a project under Sec. 15378(b)(2) and (4), because it deals with general policy and procedure making and the creation of governmental funding mechanisms, and is also exempt under Sec. 15061(b)(3) in that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

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