

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 *Guidelines for California's Solar Electric Incentive Programs Pursuant to Senate Bill 1*

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 pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25780 et seq., as enacted by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1, Statutes of 2006, Chapter 132). The guidelines establish eligibility criteria, conditions for incentives and rating standards for all ratepayer-funded solar energy incentive programs pursuant to SB 1, including programs administered by the California Energy Commission, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs). The guidelines were revised to clarify and address random audits, the transition period for full compliance, the eligibility of solar electric generating technologies and additions to existing solar energy systems, energy efficiency requirements, procedures for shading verification, and the CPUC and POU's discretion to use existing methods for calculating program incentives. The California Energy Commission, the CPUC, POU's, and manufacturers, retailers, installers and marketers of solar energy systems that qualify for program funding benefit from the adoption of these guideline revisions.

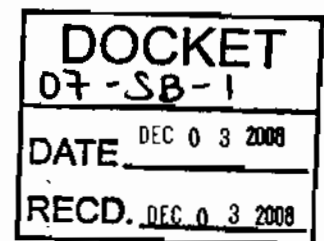
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

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: _____
 Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

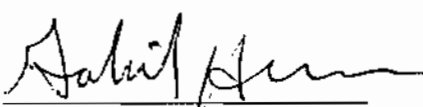
Other: Activity is not a "project" under Sec. 15378(b)(2) and (4), and falls within the "common sense" exception under Sec. 15061(b)(3).



Reasons why project is exempt: Activity is not a project under Sec. 15378(b)(2) and (4), because it pertains to general policy and procedure making and the creation of governmental funding mechanisms which do not involve any specific project, 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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