Notice of Exemption

FROM: California Energy Commission TO: Office of Planning and Research 1516 9th Street 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212 Sacramento, California 95814 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 seg. and Public Utilities Code section 399.11 et seg. The guidelines were revised to address changes in law and decisions of the California Public Utilities Commission, and to clarify the guidelines based on lessons learned and stakeholder input. 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 DATE DEC 1 6 2010 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). Reasons why project is exempt: Activity is not a project under Sec. 15378(b)(2) and (4), because it deals with the continuation of administrative and maintenance activities related to general policy and procedure making and the creation of governmental funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, 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. Lead Agency Contact Person: Gabriel Herrera, Senior Staff Counsel Office of Chief Counsel California Energy Commission (916) 654-5141 Date: 12-16-10 Title: Senior Staff Counsel Signed by the Lead Agency Date received for filing by OPR:

