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Notice of Exemption

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FROM: California Energy Commission
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Project Title: Adoption of revisions to the *Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook*

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

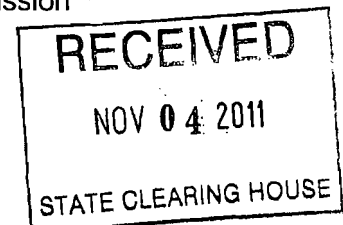
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this activity is to revise guidelines previously adopted by the California Energy Commission to govern the general administration of its Emerging Renewables Program ("Program") pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25744. The guidelines were revised to 1) adjust the Program rebate level for small wind energy systems, 2) establish a rebate limit for individual applicants capped at 50% of the system's installed cost, 3) allocate remaining available Program funds evenly between technologies, 4) limit funding to individual technology suppliers and retailers, 5) revise the certification and test requirements for eligible small wind turbines, 6) revise and clarify the criteria for listing and de-listing eligible equipment for the Program, and 7) make other clarifying changes to better administer the Program. The California Energy Commission and participants of the Program 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: _____
☒ Other: Activity is not a "project" under Sec. 15378(b)(2) and (4), and falls within the "common sense" 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 that do not involve a commitment to 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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