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**Notice of Exemption**

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

Project Title: Adoption of Revisions to the *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Guidelines*.

Project Location: 1516 9<sup>th</sup> 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 administration of its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 25450 – 25450.5. The EECBG is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy with moneys from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The EECBG guidelines describe how the Energy Commission will implement the EECBG and identify available funding, eligibility criteria, the evaluation and award process, and other requirements to qualify for funding under the program. The guidelines were revised to 1) extend the deadline for completing EECBG-funded projects from September 13, 2012, to September 13, 2013, and 2) remove references in the guidelines to the California Energy Commission's ARRA Ad Hoc Committee, which no longer exists, and replace them with references to the Executive Director, which is now authorized to carry out certain activities as specified in the guidelines. The California Energy Commission and participants of the EECBG 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)(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)(4), because it pertains to the creation of governmental funding mechanisms or other fiscal activities 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.

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