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Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: Adoption of revisions to the *New Solar Homes Partnership 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 New Solar Homes Partnership Program ("NSHP") pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25780 et seq. The Guidelines are being revised to 1) modify the payment process to allow certain documentation and interconnection to be completed after the reservation expiration date under specified conditions, 2) clarify that the program administrator will verify the system generation allocation percentages for virtual net metering systems during the payment process, 3) revise the reservation application form and payment claim form, and 4) make other clarifying and non-substantive changes. The California Energy Commission, utilities, applicants to the NSHP, and solar retailers and installers will benefit from the adoption of 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).

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 commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. In addition, the activity is 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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