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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Notice of Determination

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To:

[X] Office of Planning and Research
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Street Address: 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113 Sacramento, CA 95814

[ ] County Clerk
County of:
Address:

From:

Public Agency: California Energy Commission
Address: 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814
Contact: Estella Shi
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Lead Agency (if different from above):
City of Tulare
Address: 411 East Kern Avenue Tulare, CA 93274
Contact: Steven Sopp, Senior Planner
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019079080

Project Title: Concentrated Solar Thermal for Sustainable Cheese Production in California

Project Applicant: Saputo Cheese USA Inc.

Project Location (include county): 800 E Paige Ave, Tulare, CA 93274 (Tulare County)

Project Description:

This project will design, install, and operate an innovative concentrated solar power (CSP) system at a food processing facility. The system will employ Hylux, a novel CSP technology, and will convert solar energy into supplemental heat for thermal processes required to process milk into cheese. Once operational, the CSP plant will provide low-cost, renewable solar heat directly to the cheese production facility, helping to reduce both natural gas consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

This is to advise that the California Energy Commission has approved the above ( [ ] Lead Agency or [X] Responsible Agency )

described project on 10/14/2019 and has made the following determinations regarding the above (date) described project.

- 1. The project [ ] will [X] will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [ ] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. [X] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [X] were [ ] were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X] was [ ] was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ ] was [X] was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [ ] were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/research/epic/environmental\_review\_documents.html

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Associate Energy Specialist

Date: 10/18/19 Date Received for filing at OPR: