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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
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Project Applicant: Anheuser-Busch, LLC

Project Title: Anheuser-Busch Solar Microgrid Project

Project Location – Specific: 15800 Roscoe Blvd

Project Location – City: Van Nuys 91406 **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to design, install and operate a microgrid system that reduces electricity consumption and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at the existing Anheuser-Busch brewery located on a fully developed 95-acre property in the Van Nuys neighborhood in the city of Los Angeles, California. The microgrid consists of 4 megawatts (MW) of roof mounted solar photovoltaic arrays on five buildings, and a 1.8 MW lithium-ion battery energy storage system (BESS). The BESS provides up to 2.3 hours of islanded, off-grid operation, with 4.14 megawatt-hours of battery storage. To maximize technical efficiencies, the ground mounted BESS will be installed in a consolidated or distributed location totaling approximately 8,600 square feet on existing paved parking areas within the interior of the property. The solar array alone is expected to generate approximately 7.5% of the facility’s annual electrical consumption. Additionally, the BESS will be used to store cleaner, daytime electrical energy, for eventual night-time use and will be designed to operate critical loads during extended utility interruptions. When used in tandem with the solar array for peak shaving, and load demand management, the system results in a 23 percent reduction in GHG emissions. The Los Angeles Department of City Planning has determined that the project is an allowable modification to the existing food production–brewery facility use and does not require approval of a discretionary permit by their local agency. The project is consistent with the California Energy Commission’s mission of leading the state to a 100 percent clean energy future.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Anheuser-Busch, LLC

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number. PRC § 21080.35
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will involve the installation of solar energy systems on the roofs of five existing buildings and pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.35 is exempt from CEQA. The installation of the solar

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photovoltaic panels will enable the generation of energy for onsite use at a food production–brewery facility in the city of Los Angeles. Associated equipment will not occupy more than 500 square feet of ground surface and will be located on the same parcel as the solar panels. The project does not involve a federal Clean Water Act permit; streambed alteration permit; or removal of specific required or native trees. For the reasons, this project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Pub. Res. Code § 21080.35.

This project will involve the installation of a ground mounted BESS within the interior of the fully developed 95-acre property in the city of Los Angeles. The project has been deemed an allowed modification to the existing food production–brewery facility by the Los Angeles Department of City Planning. The BESS will be used to store cleaner, daytime electrical energy, for eventual night-time use at the existing facility and will be designed to operate critical loads during extended utility interruptions. When used in tandem with the solar array for peak shaving, and load demand management, the system is expected to result in a 23 percent reduction in GHG emissions. The project will not involve the removal of trees. The BESS installation will be a minor alteration to existing paved areas within the interior of the property, with no expansion beyond the existing brewery operation and will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. The project will not result in a significant cumulative impact, damage resources within a scenic highway, cause substantial adverse change to the significance of a historical resource, or be located on a listed hazardous waste site. Therefore, the project falls under the categorical exemption listed in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301.


Each exemption is an independent basis for finding the project exempt.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kaycee Chang **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-327-1509

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: , Kaycee Chang **Date:** 4/13/20 **Title:** CAM

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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