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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: J&J Snack Foods Corporation of California

Project Title: J&J Snack Foods Ammonia Refrigeration Optimization and Natural Gas Savings

Project Location – Specific: 5353 S Downey Rd

Project Location – City: Vernon 90058 **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to fund the upgrade from the existing built-up ammonia refrigeration system to spiral freezers, installation of heat recovery components, and installation of an industrial size fryer at the Recipient's frozen food processing facility. The project will occur within the existing frozen food processing facility. These improvements will result in both direct and indirect greenhouse gas emission reductions through the reduction in energy consumption by the refrigeration system, and natural gas required for hot water and frying food. 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: J&J Snack Foods Corporation of California

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; Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15302
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

14 C.C.R. 15301. This project will involve minor alteration of existing facilities and mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility and will result in no expansion of the existing use. The upgrades are for heat recovery and spiral freezers, which include adiabatic oil cooling fluid coolers, control system hardware, a spiral freezer fan panel, a dehumidification unit, an evaporative condenser, and associated components. The materials used to construct the system are chemically inert, not hazardous to human health, and do not have a significant effect on the environment. The systems purchased have safety certifications in compliance with relevant codes and standards. In addition, all required permits for installation and operation of the system will be obtained prior to system installation and demonstration. The demonstration will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. § 15301.

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

14 C.C.R. 15302. This project involves the replacement of existing mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility in Vernon, CA. This project will replace existing inefficient equipment at an existing food processing facility to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The equipment to be replaced includes an industrial fryer at the Recipient's food processing facility. The new equipment will be located on the same site as the equipment replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the equipment replaced. For these reasons, the project falls under categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. § 15302.

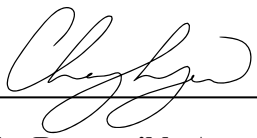
Each exemption is an independent basis for finding the project is exempt.

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: , **Date:** 06/26/2020 **Title:** Energy Analyst

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

Date received for filing at OPR: _____