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## **CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination**

**Applicant Name and Address:** California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street Sacramento,  
California 95814

**CEQA Lead Agency:** California Energy Commission (CEC)

**Project Title:** Amendments to Regulations Specifying Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities

**CEQA Document Type:** Negative Declaration

**State Clearinghouse Number/local agency ID number:** 2020070174

**Project Location:** Statewide

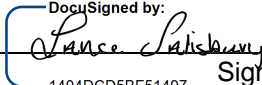
**Brief Project Description:** The proposed project is a statewide rulemaking proceeding to modify regulations that specify enforcement procedures for the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) for local Public Owned Electric Utilities (POU). The proposed changes to RPS procurement requirements, excess procurement, optional compliance measures, special exemptions and exclusions, and reporting, as described previously, and to revise references to Public Utilities Code sections that were renumbered by SB 350, SB 1393, and SB 100. The changes implement statutory changes required by these new legislations. The proposed regulations implement the new RPS procurement requirements for the compliance period 2021 and 2030, define requirements for 10-year contracts for purposes of satisfying the long term procurement requirement, specify how CEC will enforce compliance with the requirement, and clarifies existing regulatory provisions.

**Determination:** Based on a review of the project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (c)) the project has no effect on fish, wildlife or their habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

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Approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 8/11/2020  
Signature

Lance Salisbury, Senior Environmental  
Scientist, Supervisor  
Name, Title

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