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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: ReJoule Incorporated

Project Title: Enabling EV Battery Circular Economy

Project Location:

Address	City	County
3707, 3709, 3711 Medford St	Los Angeles 90063	Los Angeles
818 E 3rd St	Santa Ana 92701	Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Under this project, ReJoule, Inc. will install a solar photovoltaic (PV) and energy storage system at two sites: 1) a multi-tenant commercial building in Los Angeles, CA and 2) a Salvation Army homeless shelter in Santa Ana, CA. The energy storage system will incorporate second-life batteries that were originally used in Nissan and Tesla electric vehicles. The solar PV system will be installed on the rooftops of both sites.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: ReJoule Incorporated

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, § 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

California Code of Regulations (CCR) 14, Section 15301 exempts from CEQA minor alterations to existing facilities with no expansion of use. This project will involve minor alteration of existing mechanical equipment and will result in negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The demonstrations will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic. For these reasons, the project falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. 15301.

CCR 14, Section 15303 exempts from CEQA new construction or conversion of small structures. This project involves the construction, location, and installation of new, small facilities, structures, and equipment within an existing industrial facility. Specifically, this project will consist of installing solar PV on rooftops of two existing buildings and will be within the size limits listed in 14 C.C.R. 15303. The solar PV system is necessary for the project demonstration and will be paired with lithium-ion battery energy storage.

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


The installation of the energy storage will require minimal construction activity and will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic and will not induce additional operations at the site. 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.; 15303.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Tanner Kural **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-327-1542

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:** 7/08/2020 **Title:** Energy Commission Specialist I

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

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