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

Project Applicant: The Regents of the University of California on behalf of the Merced Campus

Project Title: Modeling of Long-Duration Storage for Decarbonization of California Energy System

Project Location – Specific: 5200 N LAKE RD

Project Location – City: MERCED 95343 Project Location – County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Computer model analysis to study the needs for long duration energy storage in order to meet California's zero carbon energy goals. The beneficiaries of this project are California ratepayers who will benefit from lower energy storage planning costs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Regents of the University of California on behalf of the Merced Campus

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

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

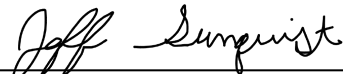
This project involves only computer modeling and paper studies of energy storage scenarios. No physical construction will occur as part of this project. Therefore, it falls under the common sense exemption.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jeffrey Sunquist Area code/Telephone/Ext: 916-327-1623

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: 7/31/2020 Title: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.
 The Regents of the University of California, Merced

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Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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