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**From:** California Energy Commission  
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48  
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**Project Applicant:** Guidehouse, Inc.

**Project Title:** Establishing a Long-Term Natural Gas Research Strategy to Achieve Aggressive Statewide Carbon Neutrality Goals

**Project Location – Specific:** 101 California St Ste 4100

**Project Location – City:** San Francisco 94111      **Project Location – County:** San Francisco

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

This project will produce a long-term natural gas research strategy to help achieve California's aggressive decarbonization goals. The strategy will produce prioritized research recommendations which will inform the California Energy Commission's Natural Gas Research Program. Research conducted under this program will assist the transition to a net-zero carbon natural gas system.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Energy Commission

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Navigant Consulting, Inc.

**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, § 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

This project is exempt under Section 15306 because the project will only be collecting data related natural gas generation, transmission, distribution, and end use to inform recommendations on future natural gas related research.

The project is exempt under the common sense exemption CCR 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that gathering data related to natural gas use and producing related research recommendations may have a significant effect on the environment.

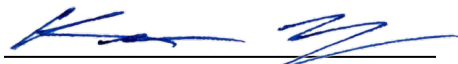
Each exemption is an independent basis for finding the project exempt.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Kevin Uy **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-776-0821

**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:** 06/10/2021 **Title:** Electric Generation System Specialist II

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

**Date received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_