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

Project Applicant: TA Operating LLC

Project Title: TAKing Charge: TravelCenters of America Ultra-Fast En-Route Charging

Project Location – Specific: 4265 E Guasti Rd

Project Location – City: Ontario 91761 Project Location – County: San Bernardino

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

Design, develop, and deploy a medium and heavy-duty charging system that integrates distributed energy resources. The system will include medium and heavy-duty direct current fast charges, battery energy storage, solar PV, and a hydrogen fuel cell.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: TA Operating LLC

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301 provides an exemption for projects consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15303 provides an exemption for projects consisting of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

This project will install medium- and heavy-duty charging infrastructure, supporting electricity generation, and energy management equipment, which will include construction and trenching. All activities will occur at an existing refueling site and are not anticipated to result in an expanded use of the facility.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: **Rhetta deMesa** Area code/Telephone/Ext: 916-628-1640

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

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**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:** Rhettta deMesa **Date:** Jun 18, 2021 **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed by Responsible Agency**

**Signed by Lead Agency**

**Signed by Applicant**

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

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