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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
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Project Applicant: EIQ MOBILITY, INC.

Project Title: Building a Scalable and Repeatable School Bus Electrification Business (BuSy Bees)

Project Location – Specific: 436 Parr Blvd

Project Location – City: Richmond 94801 Project Location – County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will fund development and demonstration of managed and bi-directional charging technologies for electric school buses to minimize charging cost and provide back up power or export services from electric school bus batteries at a bus depot located in and serving students of Richmond.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: EIQ MOBILITY, 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, § 15303 ; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15304
- 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, sec. 15303 provides that projects which consist of 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, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project consists of installation of new electric vehicle charging stations that will not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sect. 15304 provides that projects which consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. In this project, eIQ Mobility Inc. will trench and backfill to extend electrical lines and conduit to the new electric vehicle charging stations. The trenching will occur in an existing asphalt parking lot, which will not include the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Therefore, the project falls within section 15304 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ben Wender **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-776-0823

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: Ben Wender **Date:** 11/1/2021 **Title:** EGSPS1

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____