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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: Next Energy Technologies, Inc.

Project Title: Accelerating the Manufacturing of Energy Generating Windows for Zero-Emission Buildings Leveraging Pilot Scale Innovations

Project Location – Specific: 600 Ward Dr Ste C

Project Location – City: Goleta 93111 **Project Location – County:** Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to accelerate the commercialization of an innovative energy-generating transparent window coating technology by expanding an existing prototype manufacturing line to meet the low-rate initial production market entry requirements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Next Energy Technologies, 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, § 15301
- 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, Section 15301 Existing Facilities provides an exemption for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing. This project will conduct research, development, and manufacturing within already existing facilities. While the existing laboratory prototype manufacturing space may be expanded to allow for the scale-up to a low-rate initial production manufacturing line, it will occur within the current industrial warehouse space located adjacent or within close proximity of the original laboratory space for which this project is cited. There will be negligible or no expansion of existing use. Therefore, the project falls within Section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: **Rachel Salazar** **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-776-0806

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: Rachel Salenya

Date: 4/13/23

Title: Energy Commission Specialist I

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____