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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: ElectricFish Energy Inc.

Project Title: Low Rate of Initial Production of a modular EV charger with extreme-fast vehicle charging capability

Project Location – Specific: 1960 Mandela Pkwy

Project Location – City: Oakland 94607 **Project Location – County:** Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Under grant agreement EPC-22-015, the California Energy Commission (CEC) will provide a grant of \$1,690,103 to establish low-rate initial production of a containerized EV charger in Fremont, California. Funding will support the build-out of a new, dedicated, assembly facility for the low-rate initial production of a modular EV charger with interoperable extreme fast vehicle charging capability. These modules can then be deployed at low cost and more quickly compared to tradition direct current (DC) fast chargers, due to the use of existing infrastructure at the installation sites.

This project will benefit the State as the product advances policy goals regarding the EV transition. Beneficiaries include ratepayers who drive electric vehicles.

The project also supports energy reliability, because the product offers battery storage and grid services. This will result in the ratepayer benefits of improved infrastructure resiliency and reliability.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: ElectricFish Energy 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. 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.

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

The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; does not involve any cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place that might be considered significant; does not involve unusual circumstances that might have a significant effect on the environment; will not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5; and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project, and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Savi Ellis **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916.400.1630

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: Savannah Ellis **Date:** 5.19.23 **Title:** Supervisor

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

Date received for filing at OPR: _____