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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: Institute of Gas Technology dba GTI Energy

Project Title: Commercial Install and Non-intrusive Demonstrations of Optimal Window Systems (COMM-INDOWS)

Project Location – Specific: 44400 Indian Wells Ln

Project Location – City: Indian Wells 92210 **Project Location – County:** Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Under grant agreement PIR-23-003, the California Energy Commission (CEC) will provide a grant of \$864,506 to the Institute of Gas Technology d.b.a. GTI Energy to demonstrate and evaluate a high-performance, energy-efficient, and cost-effective secondary window retrofit system. The system will be installed in an existing commercial building in Indian Wells.

The project will result in benefits to builders and users of commercial buildings, both at the host site, and at future locations, where this technology would save energy without requiring removal and replacement of the original windows.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Institute of Gas Technology dba GTI Energy

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 ; 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 fits within Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, sect. 15301 because it involves minor alteration and installation of windows attachments at an existing facility, with no expansion of capacity. This installation is at an existing, developed site on land that is not environmentally sensitive. No historical resources or buildings will be affected. Noise and odors will not be generated by these installations in excess of existing permitted amounts. The installation will not increase traffic to these sites and will not require permits for air, water, conditional use, building expansion, hazardous waste or rezoning.

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.
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Additionally, Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, sect. 15306 applies because this project also involves basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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: Jeanie Mar **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-776-0791

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: Jeanie Mar **Date:** 8/9/2023 **Title:** Associate Energy Specialist

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____