

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: RESCHOOL: Resilient Energy Solutions for Schools

Project Applicant: Nuvve Holding Corp.

Project Location - Specific: 721 East Park Ave, El Cajon, CA,92020 and 2351 Cardinal Lane, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Location - City: El Cajon and San Diego

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Nuvve Holding Corp. (Nuvve) is installing at least three bi-directional charging ports and electrical equipment for microgrids at two San Diego school district sites. This project will expand vehicle-to-grid capabilities through the integration of bi-directional charging ports with microgrids utilizing battery energy storage systems as backup power. Nuvve will develop a scalable vehicle-to-grid and vehicle-to-building blueprint to demonstrate opportunities for other school districts in California to transition to zero-emission school buses and bi-directional charging infrastructure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Nuvve Holding Corp.

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15301, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15303, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15301 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project involves installation of three new bidirectional charging stations at a school transportation facility in San Diego, as well as a new microgrid controller and battery energy storage system. The equipment will be installed in existing, paved parking lots, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use of the facility. Therefore, the project falls within section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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 three new bidirectional charging stations, as well as a new microgrid controllers and battery energy storage systems to two existing sites. The equipment will be installed in existing, paved parking lots. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 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 the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The charger installations across the existing facilities will require minor trenching of concrete where the single port bi-directional chargers will be placed and backfilling where the surface is restored. Each site is used as a parking lot, which does not have vegetation. There will be no removal of healthy nature or scenic nature. Therefore, the project falls within section 15304 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.



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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: Lauren Jansen Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-931-9605

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:  Date: 11/29/2023 Title: Air Resources Engineer

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

Date received for filing at OPR: _____