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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Santa Clara
70 West Hedding Street, First Floor, East Wing
San Jose, CA 95110

From: (Public Agency): Silicon Valley Power
881 Martin Avenue
Santa Clara, California 95050
(Address)

Project Title: Juliette Substation Modifications

Project Applicant: City of Santa Clara, Silicon Valley Power

Project Location - Specific:

3603 and 3605 Juliette Lane, Santa Clara, 95054 (APN: 104-39-018 and 104-39-019)

Project Location - City: Santa Clara Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Silicon Valley Power has proposed modifications at Juliette Substation to add a third transformer to increase the substation's capacity from 62 to 124 Million Volt-Amps. The new transformer would be installed within the substation property. To accommodate the new equipment, the substation's north perimeter wall would be relocated an additional 31.5 feet. The modifications would include constructing a fire wall around the new transformer, installing bus bar equipment to connect to the transformer, and rerouting an existing 60-kilivolt transmission line as it approaches the substation to connect to a new dead-end structure. Construction would require approximately 13 months, and all activities would occur within the substation property.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Clara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Clara

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: 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(d), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, exempts water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction. As the project would involve modifications to an existing utility facility, and all modifications would occur within the existing substation property, a Class 3 categorical exemption is applicable to this project. The modifications would enhance electrical capacity and reliability for the utility's service area consistent with CEQA Section 15303, while not being negated by any of the exceptions listed in CEQA Section 15300.2.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Joseph Bruzzone Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (408) 615-6638

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: 2-27-24 Title: Planning Manager

▪ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____