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Project Applicant: Eagle Rock Analytics, Inc.

Project Title: Cal-Adapt: Analytics Engine - Scaling up to Enhance Digital Platform, Accelerate Production of Data Products, & Expand User Base

Project Location – Specific: 3669 57th Street

Project Location – City: Sacramento **Project Location – County:** Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this Agreement is to build on prior Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) achievements to cost-effectively advance the co-production of new guidance, user capacity, and functions of the Cal-Adapt: Analytics Engine with the goal of overcoming inter-disciplinary knowledge and capacity gaps between climate science, information technology, and electricity sector practitioners. This will allow for Investor-Owned Utility (IOU)s, electricity sector stakeholders, government decision makers, and researchers to utilize actionable, curated climate data tailored for resilience planning.

This Agreement will result in the ratepayer benefit of a more reliable and safer electricity grid. The Analytics Engine is a mature, applied research project which has already delivered clear ratepayer benefits, such as providing cutting edge data analytics and scientific expertise to technical staff responsible for planning for a future grid, thus supporting efforts to increase the safety of the electric system. This project will further these benefits.

This Agreement will lead to technological advancement and breakthroughs to overcome barriers to the achievement of the State of California’s statutory energy goals by further developing the Cal-Adapt: Analytics Engine to bridge the gap between compelling visuals and scientifically informed, actionable information by providing granular data, scientific guidance and digital innovation that allows for meaningful progress in energy system application of climate data.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Eagle Rock Analytics, 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, § 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

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

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Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15061(b)(3) the "common sense exemption", provides that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15306 the "information collection exemption" provides that projects which consist of basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

This Agreement is exempt under both the common sense and information collection exemptions because project activities are limited to the development of a data platform that provides access to climate projection data and analytics associated with specific use-cases that support electricity sector adaptation and resilience planning. The project will not involve any construction or installation activities or any other activities that may result in a significant effect on the environment.

Further, the project will not result in any cumulative impact to the environment that is significant, does not involve any unusual circumstances, will not result in damage to any scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway, none of the installation sites are 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 exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project.

The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Lead Agency

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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: Emily Field **Date:** 03/29/24 **Title:** Mechanical Engineer

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____