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**From:** California Energy Commission  
 715 P Street  
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**Project Applicant:** Wrightspeed, Inc

**Project Title:** Accelerating the Production of Zero-Emission Medium Duty/Heavy Duty Vehicle Repower Kits

**Project Location:**

<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
2301 Monarch St	Alameda 94501	Alameda
11043 Shoemaker Ave	Santa Fe Springs 90670	Los Angeles
1863 Service Ct	Riverside 92507	Riverside
TBD	Alameda	

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of this project is to fund the design and build-out of Low Rate Initial Production (LRIP) pilot lines for a repower kit that enables the conversion of diesel medium duty and heavy duty (MD/HD) trucks to Electric Vehicles (EV). This kit includes all required technical components, packaging, and instructions for electrification. This project will also benefit disadvantaged communities by providing skills training and technologically advanced jobs, as well as reducing air pollution through the reduction of diesel truck traffic in such communities. California ratepayers will benefit from a lower-cost MD/HD electric vehicle, and this project will also benefit residents in areas subject to pollution from fossil-fueled MD/HD vehicles.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Energy Commission

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Wrightspeed, 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 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public and private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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

This project will involve the design and build-out of low-rate initial production (LRIP) pilot lines for a repower kit that enables the conversion of diesel medium duty & heavy duty (MD/HD) trucks to electric vehicles. The project's activities are limited and contained within pre-existing facilities that will likely be upgraded to comply with all requirements needed to implement the production process. While in these sites, work completed under this project will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and any additional accessory structures will be minor in nature. For those reasons, the proposed work will not have any significant effect on the environment and is exempt under Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Section 15301.


Additionally, 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 sites are 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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:** 07/16/2024 **Title:** Supervisor

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

**Date received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_






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