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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the San Diego campus

Project Title: Optimized Commercial Control Technology Of Plug-loads & Lighting (OCCTOPI)

Project Location – Specific: 9500 Gilman Dr

Project Location – City: La Jolla 92093 **Project Location – County:** San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will develop and deploy an open-source technology that will allow electricians as well as building automation system operators to leverage occupancy features from plug load controllers to existing integrated LED lighting systems to controlling various buildings on UCSD campus to conserve and increase energy savings during vacancies.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the San Diego campus

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, 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 use at the time of the lead agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The activities funded by this agreement involve installation of energy efficient plug load controls and lighting controls to 200 already existing electrical plug load outlets and light fixtures in an existing large office space that is 83,000 square feet of space. The type of installations includes plug load controllers, connected wall switches, and motion and light sensors with no additional electrical work needed. These technologies involve no expansion of existing use to improve building performance. This project will result in negligible or no expansion of use beyond that already existing. Therefore, the project falls within section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The project does not involve impacts on any particularly sensitive environment; will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.
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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: Felix Villanueva **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-232-8997

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: Felix Villanueva **Date:** 08/14/2024 **Title:** Utilities Engineer

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____