

# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Energy Commission  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** Hands-Free Charging for Battery Electric Cargo Handling Equipment

**Project Applicant:** International Transportation Service, LLC (ITS)

**Project Location - Specific:** Port of Long Beach, 1281 Pier G Way, Long Beach, CA 90802.

**Project Location - City:** Long Beach

**Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

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

The project will install and deploy fifteen hands-free EV charging stations at the Port of Long Beach, including five inductive chargers, five conductive chargers, and one surface-mounted dynamic charging rail capable of simultaneously charging five electric yard tractors while they are in operation at the terminal. The chargers will support hands-free charging for battery electric yard tractors operated by ITS staff at Pier G in the Port of Long Beach.

Beneficiaries include operators of equipment at ITS, the Port of Long Beach, and residents surrounding the Port of Long Beach.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** International Transportation Service, LLC (ITS)

## 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: 14 CCR §§ 15301, 15303, 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:)

## Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Section 15301 Existing Facilities provides that the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment or topographical features which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the responsible agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. This project involves installation of five flush-mount inductive chargers, five surface-mount conductive chargers, and one surface-mount dynamic charging rail to provide hands-free charging for five electric yard tractors while in operation. This project involves no expansion of existing and former use of the site. Therefore, this project is exempt under California Code of Regulations, title 14, 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 new, small equipment to existing sites. The charging equipment to be installed is approximately 3'4" x 5'7" each for the inductive chargers and 1' x 12' each for the conductive chargers. In addition, the electric vehicle charging stations will be installed at existing, paved parking spaces. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sect. 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 removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project involves installation of electric vehicle charging stations in existing, paved

lots and the work will not involve the removal of any trees. Therefore, this project is exempt under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304.

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.

For these reasons, the proposed work will not have any significant effect on the environment and falls under sections 15301, 15303, and 15304.

**Responsible Agency**

Contact Person: Kathryn Reid Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-237-2536

**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: *Kate Reid* Date: 08/30/2024 Title: Air Resources Engineer

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_
- Signed by Applicant