

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: N/A

From: (Public Agency): California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Replicable and Reliable Charging for Multi-Family Communities in Northern California

Project Applicant: Chargee LLC

Project Location - Specific:

Paved parking lots or structures within a quarter mile of multi-family properties throughout Northern California.

Project Location - City: Varies

Project Location - County: Varies

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Chargee LLC will install approximately 558 Level 2 charging ports at approximately 33 sites within a quarter mile of multi-family housing properties throughout Northern California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Chargee LLC

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: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, secs. 15301, 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

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 are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project involves installation of approximately 558 Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging ports at approximately 33 different existing, paved parking lots and parking structures throughout Northern California. This project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use of sites. In addition, the electric vehicle charging stations will be installed on existing pavement and will connect to existing electrical infrastructure. Therefore, the project falls within 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 paved sites. The charging equipment to be installed is approximately the size of a mailbox (52"x4"x4") and will be installed at approximately 33 different existing, paved parking lots and parking structures. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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.

Lead Agency _____
Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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: 09/18/2024 Title: Associate Energy Specialist

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: _____