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From: California Energy Commission
 715 P Street
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Project Applicant: RockeTruck, Inc.

Project Title: Electric Vehicle Direct-Current Hub (EVDCH)

Project Location – Specific: 2401 E Pacific Coast Hwy

Project Location – City: Wilmington 90744 **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will implement an efficient charging station architecture to reduce the amount of energy loss during the power conversion process from direct current to alternating current power. This project will develop technology that will complement load flexibility by reducing the overall strain on grid infrastructure. The developed technology will then be demonstrated at a charging station serving medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. This project is part of California’s push towards greater electric vehicle adoption to curb greenhouse gas emissions, with the expected result of this project demonstrating a technology that can reduce the extensive and costly electrical upgrades necessary to accommodate the additional load of electrical vehicle charging and other connected clean resources on the power grid.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: RockeTruck, 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 ; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15303
- 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 that consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, are categorically exempt from CEQA. The location where this demonstration project will take place is at an existing facility, which has already been graded, disturbed, paved, and has structures constructed. Installation and deployment of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure will require limited alteration activities such as minor trenching for electrical conduit, delivery and placement of electric vehicle charging and power conversion equipment, electrical wiring within the facility, and minor paving and concrete activities to restore the disturbed

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

surfaces. The project activities involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use and will not have a significant effect on the environment and thus fits within section 15301.

Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, sec. 15303 provides that projects that consist of construction and location of limited number of new, small facilities or structures, and installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, are categorically exempt from CEQA. This demonstration project includes the installation and construction of power conversion equipment (i.e., solid state transformer and power distribution cabinet) and four high-power charging dispensers at existing paved sites. This project will entail the construction of a limited number of small accessory structures to house the power conversion equipment and support the charging dispensers. The project activities involve installation of small new equipment and thus fits within section 15303.

The demonstration 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

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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: *Katelynn Dinius* Date: 11-25-24 Title: Air Resources Engineer

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____