



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

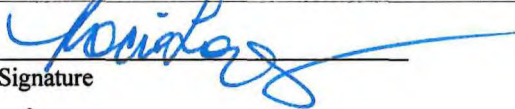
<p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: Name: City of Corona Planning & Development Department</p> <p>Address: 400 S. Vicentia Ave., Suite 120, Corona, CA 92882</p> <p>Telephone: 951-736-2293</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk (Riverside)</p> <p>Address: 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507</p>	

1. Project Title:	Conditional Use Permit – CUP2023-0001
2. Project Applicant:	Circle City Energy Storage LLC (subsidiary of Engie North America), 333 Clay St, Suite 2800, Houston, TX 77002
3. Project Location – Identify Street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	680 Cota Street (APN’s: 119-190-002, -003, -011), at the northwest corner of Cota Street and West Rincon Street
4. (a) Project Location – City: Corona	(b) Project Location – County: Riverside
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	A Conditional Use Permit to develop a battery energy storage system with associated on-site support facilities on three parcels in the M-1 (Light Manufacturing) zone. The proposed project is designed to input or output electricity via battery storage containers with associated on-site support facilities consisting of a project substation, inverters, collector lines, fencing, access roads, operations and maintenance building, supervisory control, a SCADA system, an SCE owned switchyard/substation, and other ancillary facilities or equipment on three parcels.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	City of Corona
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Circle City Energy Storage LLC (subsidiary of Engie North America), 333 Clay St, Suite 2800, Houston, TX 77002
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)

(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Class 32 (In-Fill Development Projects) categorical exemption per Section 15332 of the State Guidelines for Implementing CEQA (CEQA Guidelines), Class 1 (Existing Facilities) categorical exemption per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) categorical exemption per CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, Class 3 (New Construction or Alteration of Small Structures) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) categorical exemption per CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 and Section 3.28 of the City's Local CEQA Guidelines.
(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	<p>The project will consist of battery energy storage containers and associated onsite support facilities consisting of a project substation (denoted as Fretboard substation on site plan), inverters, collector lines, fencing, access roads, operations and maintenance building, supervisory control, a SCADA system, a Southern California Edison (SCE) owned switchyard / substation (denoted as the Headstock switchyard on the site plan), a gen-tie line, and other ancillary facilities or equipment. The project is exempt under Class 32 because it is consistent with the applicable General Plan designation and all applicable General Plan policies, as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations. The project development will occur within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres (as documented by the site plan) substantially surrounded by urban uses. The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. The project will not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. And the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.</p> <p>As part of the project, but not subject to local permitting, offsite improvements to facilitate project interconnection to the electrical grid will be made within existing SCE substations including the Mira Loma Substation, Pedley Substation and Corona Substation. All of these improvements will be completed within the existing SCE facility fence lines and will include replacing circuit breakers, relay equipment, voltage transformers telecommunication upgrades, and upgrading disconnect switches. In addition, improvements along Cota Street between Railroad Street and River Road include the reconductoring of approximately 2,600 feet of existing 66 kV facilities and potential replacement of nine wood poles with wood or light steel poles of a similar height. These project components qualify for both Class 1 and 2 exemptions because the utility system upgrades will continue to provide electrical service to the surrounding</p>

	<p>area with no change in the capacity or area served.</p> <p>A Class 3 exemption for electrical and other utility extensions of reasonable length also applies to the 66 kV gen-tie and telecommunications lines that will connect the onsite SCE substation to the existing 66 kV electrical lines and telecommunication lines along Cota Street.</p> <p>Finally, a Class 4 exemption for minor public and private alterations in the condition of land, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, will cover new landscaping both in the City's right of way and the addition of drought-tolerant groundcover to 1.19 acres within the 5.53-acre property (the self-treating area) that will remain undeveloped.</p> <p>None of the exceptions to the Categorical Exemptions listed under Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply, as the project will not: impact a designated, mapped, and officially adopted environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern; result in a significant cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place over time; have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; damage a scenic highway or scenic resources within a state scenic highway; be located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; nor cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.</p>
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<p>10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:</p>	<p>Rocio Lopez, Consulting Planner (951) 736-2293</p>
<p>11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.</p>	
<p>12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>13. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: December 9, 2024</p>	


Signature

Rocio Lopez
Name

Date: Click to enter date 1/16/2025

Title: Click to enter title Consulting Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: Click to enter date 1/16/2025
(Clerk Stamp Here)

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