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From: California Energy Commission
 715 P Street
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Project Applicant: Electric Power Research Institute, Inc.

Project Title: SUPPLIES - Scaling Up Virtual Power Plants through Interoperable Energy Management Systems in K-12 Schools

Project Location:

Address	City	County
6125 Pine Ave	Maywood 90270	Los Angeles
5800 King Ave	Maywood 90270	Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project includes the installation of an energy management system software and potential software upgrades to the buildings' existing control systems (including the installation of service gateways and panel-level monitoring devices). The installed technologies aim to reduce the facilities peak energy use so the beneficiaries of the work will be the utility ratepayers included in the demonstrations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Electric Power Research Institute, 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, § 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt from CEQA under 22 CCR 15301. This exemption applies to this project since the work involves minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing. This project involves the installation of monitoring devices and associated hardware and software at two designated Los Angeles Unified School District sites that will optimize energy utilization related to temperature controls, lighting, and electric vehicle charging. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant environmental impact and is exempt under section 15301.

This project is exempt from CEQA under 22 CCR 15306. This exemption applies to this project since the work involves basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This project involves data collection at the designated Los Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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Angeles Unified School District sites for information gathering purposes to understand the performance and potential benefits of the control system deployed. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant environmental impact and is exempt under section 15306.

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/Ext:** _____

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: Dustin Davis **Date:** 2/20/2025 **Title:** Electric Generation System Specialist I

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____