

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

From: (Public Agency): Los Angeles County Public Works  
900 S. Fremont Avenue, 10th Floor  
Alhambra, CA 91803

(Address)

Project Title: Hecate Grid Humidor Storage 1 LLC - Proprietary Electrical Transmission Franchise

Project Applicant: Hecate Grid Humidor Storage 1 LLC

Project Location - Specific:

Angeles Forest Highway and Vincent View Road in the unincorporated Acton area of the County of Los

Project Location - City: Acton

Project Location - County: Los Angeles (unincorporated)

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See attached.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Hecate Grid Humidor Storage 1 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: 15301, 15303, 15304, 15305, and 15311
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Sec. 21083.3; 15183

Reasons why project is exempt:

See attached.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Greg Even

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 626-458-7000

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: 11/26/2024 Title: Asst. Deputy

☒ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Attachment to NOE

On November 26, 2024, following a public hearing, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors granted a 35-year proprietary electrical transmission franchise to Hecate Grid Humidor Storage 1 LLC. Adoption of the franchise ordinance followed the Board's October 8, 2024, approval of a Resolution of Intention to grant the franchise ordinance.

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

The granting of the franchise ordinance allows Hecate Grid Humidor Storage 1 LLC to construct an approximately one-mile interconnection line on approximately 12 acres within an industrial zone and adjacent to other existing public utilities light industrial uses, and railroad infrastructure. The interconnection line would be constructed primarily underground along Angeles Forest Highway to the existing Southern California Edison (SCE) 230-kV Vincent Substation (Vincent Substation), located approximately 3,400 feet to the south of Vincent View Road and W. Carson Mesa Road. The interconnection line would connect the Vincent Substation to a planned 400-megawatt (MW) battery energy storage facility (BESS) and is designed to help integrate renewable energy to the electric grid and support grid reliability and resilience.

### Reasons why project is exempt:

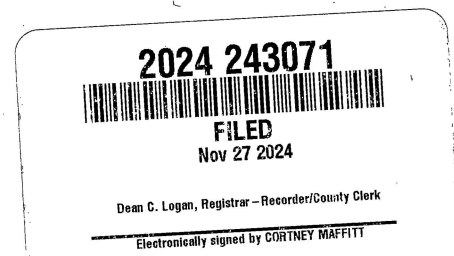
The granting of the franchise ordinance is exempt from CEQA. The adoption of the ordinance is categorically exempt because it is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301, 15303, 15304, 15305, and 15311 of the CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1, 3, 4, 5, and 11 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, which apply to minor alteration of existing facilities, new construction, minor alterations to land and to land-use limitations, and accessory structures. The franchise would result in negligible expansion of use of the right of way and would not include removal of any trees. In addition, based on the record of the proposed franchise, it would comply with all applicable regulations; it would not impact any designated environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern; there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, or listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5; or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse effect on the significance of a historical resource that would make any of the categorical exemptions inapplicable.

Additionally, the grant of the franchise, considered together with the BESS, the site plan for which was previously approved by the Department of Regional Planning, is, as a whole, categorically exempt under the State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15303, 15304, and 15305, and Classes 3, 4, and 5 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. These exemptions apply to new construction and minor alterations to land and to land use limitations. The franchise and the BESS, as a whole, would not include removal of any trees. In addition, construction and operation of the proposed franchise and the BESS would comply with all applicable

regulations; would not impact any designated environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern; there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, or listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5; or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse effect on the significance of a historical resource that would make any of the categorical exemptions inapplicable.

The granting of the franchise both by itself and when considered with the BESS also qualifies for a statutory exemption from CEQA under California Public Resources Code, Section 21083.3, and CEQA Guidelines, Section 15183, which provides an exemption from additional environmental review for projects that are consistent with the development density established by existing zoning, community plan, or general plan policies for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified, except as might be necessary to examine whether there are project-specific significant effects, which are peculiar to the project or its site. The record of the proposed franchise and the BESS demonstrate that their construction, operation, and maintenance are consistent with the development density and use characteristics established by the existing zoning, the County General Plan, and the Antelope Valley Area Plan and consistent with the analysis performed in the County General Plan and the Antelope Valley Area Plan EIRs.

Further information is available in the Statement of Reasons for CEQA Exemption completed by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., which is available upon request from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.



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