Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 6
1352 West Olive Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: Caltrans D6 PG&E Encroachment Permit #06-25-6-UF-0529

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

Project Location - Specific: Interstate 5 at postmile 62.61 in Kern County

Project Location - City: Buttonwillow Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will issue an encroachment permit to allow the applicant, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to detach and reattach the aerial wires crossing West Side Fwy (Route 5) and W Lerdo Highway to replace all insulators and hot & cold hardware on 2 utility structures, #136/561 (35.5017, -119.5334), outside of Caltrans Right of Way and 526 feet from the edge of traveled way at postmile 62.61; and #137/562 (35.4992, -119.5315), outside of Caltrans Right of Way and 538 feet from the edge of traveled way at postmile 62.42. No new infrastructure, construction, modifications of existing facilities, soil disturbance, or vegetation disturbance is being done or authorized within the Interstate right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 6

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

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: Section 15301 Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Caltrans has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) Class 1 - 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Pedram Mafi Phone number: (559) 981-7400

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: _____ Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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