COUNTY of VENTURA

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒ **County Clerk**
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Ave., L#1260
Ventura, CA 93009

☒ **Office of Planning and Research**
1440 Tenth Street, Room 121
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(Only if State discretionary approval is required)

From: County of Ventura
RMA, Planning Division
800 South Victoria Ave., L#1740
Ventura, CA 93009

A. Project Description:

1. **Entitlement:** Permit Adjustment (PAJ) Case No. PL25-0083
2. **Applicant's Name:** Wellhead Power Solutions, LLC, C/O Gary Franzen
3. **Applicant's Address:** 650 Bercut Drive, Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95811
4. **Location:** The 25.05-acre project site is located on a portion of an 84.97-acre lot on Gonzales Road approximately 0.54 miles west of the City of Oxnard, in the unincorporated area of Ventura County.
5. **Assessor Parcel No.:** 183-0-010-105 (Formerly 183-0-010-105, 183-0-010-415, and 183-0-010-400)
6. **Project Title:** Shoals Energy Storage Permit Adjustment
7. **Project Description:** Permit Adjustment to modify the existing Conditions of Approval to provide enhanced coordination with the City of Oxnard throughout construction and operation of the facility. These modified Conditions include Condition of Approval No. 16 (Reporting of Major Incidents), Condition No. 17 (Construction Phasing Plan), Condition No. 18 (Technology and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Upgrades), Condition No. 33 (Public Utility Code Compliance / Emergency Response and Action Plan) and VCFPD Condition No. 69 (Electrical Energy Storage Systems).

B. Lead Agency Contact:

1. **Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Ventura, Resource Management Agency, Planning Division
2. **Contact Person:** Thomas Chaffee, Case Planner
3. **Telephone No.:** (805) 654-2406

4. **E-mail Address:** Thomas.Chaffee@venutracounty.gov

C. Exempt Status:

CEQA Guidelines Article 12: Special Situations: Section 15183 – Projects Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning

D. Justification for Exemption:

The Project is consistent with the Ventura County General Plan. Further, the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) adequately anticipated and described the impacts of the Project. Finally, the Project includes EIR mitigation measures and uniformly applied development standards necessary to reduce Project-specific impacts. A comprehensive analysis is included as Exhibit 17 of the Planning Commission Hearing Staff Report dated December 19, 2024.

Project Approval: September 16, 2025

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Reviewed by:

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Commercial and Industrial Permits Section
Ventura County Planning Division