Notice of Exemption **Form D**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: City of Anaheim Public Utilities

Project Title: Distribution Switch Reliability & Automation Upgrades

Project Location:

Address	City	County
721 W La Palma Ave	Anaheim 92801	Orange
525 W La Palma Ave	Anaheim 92801	Orange
301 S Magnolia Ave	Anaheim 92804	Orange
275 S Euclid St	Anaheim 92802	Orange
2201 W Broadway	Anaheim 92804	Orange
1210 S State College Blvd	Anaheim 92806	Orange
2011 E La Palma Ave	Anaheim 92806	Orange
503 S Landmark Ln	Anaheim 92805	Orange
1080 W La Palma Ave	Anaheim 92801	Orange
841 S Sunkist St	Anaheim 92806	Orange
1120 W La Palma Ave	Anaheim 92801	Orange
1105 W La Palma Ave	Anaheim 92801	Orange
2031 E Cerritos Ave	Anaheim 92806	Orange
1315 S State College Blvd	Anaheim 92806	Orange
1430 S Vernon St	Anaheim 92805	Orange
1440 S State College Blvd	Anaheim 92806	Orange
333 S Manchester Ave	Anaheim 92802	Orange
1331 N Euclid St	Anaheim 92801	Orange
2200 E Ball Rd	Anaheim 92806	Orange
576 S Olive St	Anaheim 92805	Orange
1280 W Santa Ana St	Anaheim 92802	Orange
1430 W Broadway	Anaheim 92802	Orange
1426 S Allec St	Anaheim 92805	Orange
1904 E Wright Cir	Anaheim 92806	Orange
891 S State College Blvd	Anaheim 92806	Orange
5705 E La Palma Ave	Anaheim 92807	Orange
1051 S Sunkist St	Anaheim 92806	Orange
1620 S Lewis St	Anaheim 92805	Orange
437 E Water St	Anaheim 92805	Orange
1771 S Lewis St	Anaheim 92805	Orange
506 S Janss St	Anaheim 92805	Orange
333 W Ball Rd	Anaheim 92805	Orange
1601 W Broadway	Anaheim 92802	Orange
2801 E Lincoln Ave	Anaheim 92806	Orange
1617 E Ball Rd	Anaheim 92805	Orange
1430 S Vernon St	Anaheim 92805	Orange
1475 S State College Blvd	Anaheim 92806	Orange
1530 S State College Blvd	Anaheim 92806	Orange
1889 E Ball Rd	Anaheim 92805	Orange

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

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Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project will fund the replacement of 20 to 40 aging Pad-Mounted Vacuum (PMV) distribution switches, which are responsible for regulating and directing the flow of electricity to consumers, as well as the implementation of advanced automation technology to enhance the grid's operational efficiency and modernization. The project reduces outage frequency and duration by utilizing more modern, reliable switches that enable quicker fault detection, which leads to faster restoration and shorter outages. APU will also install advanced automation technology that monitors and controls distribution switches, which enables quicker response times. This modern switch technology also retires the use of sulfur hexafluoride, a potent greenhouse gas. Additionally, the project is anticipated to create up to 13 new positions: up to 4 apprenticeships, up to 4 internships, and up to 5 jobs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Anaheim Public Utilities

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, § 15302
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., title 14, Section 15302 provides that replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure is to be located on the same site for no substantial expansion of purpose and capacity are categorically exempt from CEQA. The project will replace up to 40 units of existing electrical switches with modern equivalent equipment at the same locations as the original switches, and integrate them with automation technology. There will be no activities that cause environmental disturbance during the installation of the switch replacements. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. § 15302.

Additionally, Cal Code Regs title 14, Section 15301 provides that the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project will involve minor alteration of existing facilities by installing new switches and automation technology in place of outdated equipment to reduce outage frequency and duration, but involves no expansion of use. The project will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. §15301.

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

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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.

Public Agency
Contact Person: **Alana Webre** **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** **916-232-8173**

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: Alana Webre **Date:** **10/15/2025** **Title:** **CAM**

☒ **Signed by Public Agency**

☐ **Signed by Applicant** **Date received for filing at OPR:**

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