

Notice of Exemption

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 212,
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FROM: California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Project Title: Renewables Portfolio Standard 2021-2024 Verification Results Reports for
25 Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities for Compliance Period 4

Project Location: 715 P Street Sacramento, California 95814

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Public Resources Code section 399.25(b) requires the California Energy Commission (CEC) to prepare Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results Reports finding whether the procurement claim amounts listed are consistent with Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) certification and procurement requirements specified in the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Tenth Edition (RPS Guidebook)* and the *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities (RPS POU Regulations)* and are eligible for the RPS program as indicated. These results reports are issued for each POU and adopted by the CEC at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

CEC staff have prepared Compliance Period 4 (2021-2024) verification results reports for 25 POUs, titled the *California Energy Commission Staff Draft Report Renewables Portfolio Standard Verification Results*, which include the verification findings for each of these 25 POUs. The CEC adopted the 25 verification results reports at the May 13, 2026, CEC business meeting.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Energy Commission

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: _____
- ☐ Statutory Exemption: State code number: _____
- ☒ Other: Common Sense (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reasons why the project is exempt:

Under the “Common Sense” exemption in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061(b)(3), the Verification Report is exempt from CEQA because it has no potential to cause a significant effect on the environment. The Verification Report simply evaluates and approves findings regarding whether procurement claim amounts are consistent with RPS certification and procurement requirements and are eligible for the RPS program as indicated. As the Report involves only administrative review and does not authorize or result in any physical change to the environment, it can be seen with reasonable certainty that it will not have a significant environmental impact.

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Signed by the Lead Agency

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