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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Energy Commission (CEC)

715 P St, Sacramento, CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: Approval of Natural Gas Data Collection Regulations

Project Applicant: California Energy Commission

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: Statewide Project Location - County: Statewide

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the regulations is to enable the CEC to meet its statutory and analytical requirements to support the reliable operation of the state's energy systems and assess the progress of energy transitions and to inform the development of recommendations for meeting state energy goals. This rulemaking expands the CEC's analysis and forecasting capabilities by providing key information into the topics of: Natural Gas System; Metered Consumer Usage; and Metered Electricity Use.

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: Common Sense Exemption and Class 6 (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The CEC has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the proposed regulations and concluded that the proposed regulations are not a "project" for purposes of CEQA as this action does not result in any direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and even if the adoption of the proposed regulations is a project for purposes of CEQA, it would be exempt per California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15306 as a data collection activity and exempt under the common sense exemption located in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061(b)(3).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rachel Kukendall Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 279-226-1208

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: Melanie Mariotti Date: 7/6/2026 Title: Senior Attorney

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: _____