Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Responsible Agency:
California Energy Commission
Fuels and Transportation Division
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Powering California's Communities with Equitable EV Access

Project Applicant: ENCHARGE LLC

Project Location - Specific: Los Angeles, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Napa, and Sonoma.

Project Location - City: Los Angeles, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Napa, and Sonoma.

Project Location - County: Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Marin, Napa and Sonoma counties

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

ENCHARGE LLC, Inc. will install at least 448 level 2 ports across various locations across Southern California and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dustin Cavanaugh

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: §15301, 15303 and 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

CCR section number: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15301,15303 and 15304

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15301 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. This project will install at least 448 Level 2 charging ports across approximately eighty-seven (87) multi-family housing with structures and/or facilities and involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use in southern California. Therefore, the project falls within section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15303 provides that projects which consist of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project has approximately eighty-seven (87) sites with existing structure and/or facility. Each charger will include approximately ground footprint of 5.63 sq/ft per site/per dual port. The switchgear cabinet is 8.55sq/ft. Total

square footage per site would be approximately 298 sq/ft. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sect. 15304 provides that projects which consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project does not involve the removal healthy, mature and scenic trees at an existing structure and/or facility. Therefore, the project falls within section 15304 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

This project does not involve impacts on any particularly sensitive environment; 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 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.

Responsible Agency Contact Person: _____ **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** _____

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: Devika Singh Date: 10/14/2026 Title: Energy Commission Specialist II

☒ Signed by Responsible Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____