Notice of Exemption

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212 Sacramento, California 95814 FROM: California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, California 95814

Project Title: Revisions to Guidelines for California's Solar Electric Incentive Programs (Senate Bill 1), 7th Edition

Project Location: 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California 95814

<u>Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:</u> The purpose of this activity is to make revisions to the guidelines previously adopted by the California Energy Commission to establish eligibility criteria, conditions for incentives, and rating standards for projects applying for ratepayer-funded incentives for solar energy systems pursuant to Senate Bill 1 (Statutes of 2006, Chapter 132), as codified in Public Resources Code sections 25780 through 25784. The revision is being made due to accreditation changes for third-party photovoltaic module performance testing laboratories.

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 (section 21080 (b)(1); 15268);

____Declared Emergency (section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

- ____Emergency Project (section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ____Categorical Exemption. Section: _____
- ____Statutory Exemption. Section: ____
- X_Other: Activity is not a "project" under section 15378(b)(2) and falls within the common sense exception under section 15061(b)(3).

<u>Reasons why project is exempt</u>: Activity is not a project under section 15378(b)(2), because it pertains to continuing administrative activity related to general policy and procedure making. In addition, the activity is exempt under section 15061(b)(3) in that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

X Signed by the Lead Agency

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