

Form A**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration & Environmental Document Transmittal**

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Project Title: Battery Charger System and Self-Contained Lighting Control standards

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Project Location: Statewide

Document Type: Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration

Local Action Type: The Energy Commission's mandate is to promote energy efficiency through a variety of means, including efficiency standards for appliances based on the provisions in Public Resources Code Section 25402.

In the rulemaking proceedings the Energy Commission is proposing to adopt new and revised efficiency standards for battery charger systems and lighting controls.

The Commission is proposing changes to the appliance efficiency standards as an action to support its mandate. The proposed amendments considered in the rulemaking include provisions for revised efficiency requirements for battery charger systems and lighting controls. The Energy Commission is proposing to adopt appliance efficiency regulations to: effect maximum power use when a battery charger system .

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA," Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) requires public agencies to identify and consider the potential environmental effects of their "projects," as that term is defined, and when feasible to mitigate any related adverse environmental consequences. The proposed adoption of regulations is a project under CEQA, as it is a discretionary action which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, the Energy Commission prepared an Initial Study to assess the potential significant effects of the proposed regulations on the environment and determined that there is no substantial evidence that the project may cause a significant impact on the environment. This initial study

Development Type: The proposed standards require minimum battery charger system and lighting control efficiency to reduce energy demand in the state. The scope of the regulations are broad and include battery charger systems such as: cordless phones, cell phones, power

tools, laptops, forklifts, golf carts, and shavers. The proposed lighting control standards would cover self-contained units that are required or described for use in Title 24, section 119 such as dimmers, time switches, and occupant sensors.

Funding: N/A

Project Issues Discussed in Document: Air Quality, Energy, Cumulative Effects and Mandatory Findings of Significance

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: The Energy Commission's mandate includes (Public Resources Code section 25402) promoting energy efficiency through a cost effective, feasible measures in product design. The standards include provisions intended to reduce statewide energy use. Content of the Standards include mandatory minimum efficiency levels, and certification, labeling, as well as general provisions on the scope of the regulations and definitions.

Project Description: The project encompasses amendments to state appliance efficiency regulations that establish levels of efficiency and operating requirements for newly manufactured battery charger systems and lighting controls sold in the state. The proposed regulations which are the project for purposes of the study are contained available at the Energy Commission's website at http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/battery_chargers/documents/

Schedule: Comments should be submitted by November 12, 2011.

Public Review Period:

Starting Date: October 11, 2011

Ending Date: November 10, 2011

Documents:

All relevant documents are available at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/battery_chargers/documents/

Public Meetings and Adoption:

A Committee Hearing to discuss the content of the standard amendments and the finding of the initial study will occur on:

October 24, 2011 1:00 p.m.
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

An adoption hearing by the full Commission will be held on:

November 30, 2011. 10:00 a.m.
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