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Note: The Energy Commission Project Managers Manual includes detailed instructions on how to complete this section, with examples of grants that are “Projects” and are not “Projects”. When the Project Manager is completing this section, if questions arise as to the appropriate answers to the questions below, please consult with the Energy Commission attorney assigned to review grants or loans for your division.

1. Is grant/loan considered a “Project” under CEQA? Yes (skip to question #2) No (continue with question #1)

Please complete the following: [Public Resources Code (PRC) 21065 and 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) 15378]:

Explain why the grant/loan is **not** considered a “Project”? The grant/loan will not cause a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because grant/loan involves:

2. If grant/loan is considered a “Project” under CEQA: (choose either **IS** or **IS NOT**)

Grant/loan **IS** exempt:

Statutory Exemption: (List PRC and/or CCR section numbers) _____

Categorical Exemption: (List CCR section number) CCR Title 14, 15303

Common Sense Exemption. (14 CCR 15061(b)(3))

Explain reason why the grant/loan is exempt under the above section:

Class 3 - New construction of limited small new facilities; installation of small, new equipment and facilities in small structures; and conversion of the use of small existing structures (e.g., construction of three or fewer single-family homes in urban areas). This project seeks to install a series of water treatment and reclamation equipment at an existing biodiesel plant.

The majority of the infrastructure needed is expected to be small and some already exists (such as the concrete pad upon which equipment will be installed). Small structures may be needed to protect the equipment from the elements. These small structures are not expected to result in any significant environmental impact.

Please attach draft Notice of Exemption (NOE). Consult with the Energy Commission attorney assigned to your division for instructions on how to complete the NOE.

Grant/loan **IS NOT** exempt. The Project Manager needs to consult with the Energy Commission attorney assigned to your division and the Siting Office regarding a possible initial study.