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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:

The grant will be used to analyze data, perform research, and develop software applications for installation at the California Independent System Operator (CAISO). All of the activities are performed in an office environment using computers and the Internet for data access. Applications will be installed on computers (hardware) at CAISO facilities. The grant will not cause a direct physical change in the environment, and there are no reasonably foreseeable indirect physical changes to the environment.

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) _____

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

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

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.