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In the matter of	)	Docket No. 11-OII-01
Guidelines for the	)	
Clean Technology and Renewable Energy	)	
Partnership Academies Program	)	
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**ADOPTION ORDER****Guidelines for the Clean Technology and Renewable Energy Partnership Academies**

As authorized by SBX 1\_1 (Steinberg, 2011), the Energy Commission instituted an informational proceeding on June 29, 2011 to develop the Clean Technology and Renewable Energy Partnership Academy Guidelines. The purpose of the guidelines is to ensure that school programs receiving these Partnership Academy grants reflect state energy policies and priorities, and that the programs provide skills and education linked to the current needs of clean energy industries. The Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) administers the grants through the Department of Education.

SBX 1\_1 requires the Energy Commission, in consultation with the SPI, to develop these guidelines no later than 60 days after the effective date of the bill. In adopting the *Guidelines*, SBX 1\_1 expressly exempts the Energy Commission from the formal rulemaking requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Government Code sections 11340 et seq.

The guidelines were developed as part of a public process in coordination with the SPI (through the Department of Education), school districts and other educational institutions, industry employers, other interested stakeholders, and members of the public.

Commission Staff conducted a workshop on July 29, 2011 to introduce the guideline process and receive input. Staff held a second workshop on October 4, 2011 to receive comments on the draft *Guidelines*.

Staff Counsel has advised the *Guidelines* are exempt from CEQA review in a memorandum to the Lead Commissioner on Efficiency Matters. Briefly, The *Guidelines* are not a project under CEQA because they relate to governmental fiscal matters. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 15378, subd. (b)(4).) The *Guidelines* also fall under CEQA's "common sense" exemption, because they will not adversely affect the environment. (Tit. 14, § 15061, subd. (b)(3).) The Commission finds that the adoption of the *Guidelines* is exempt from CEQA for the reasons stated.

The Lead Commissioner on Efficiency Matters recommends adoption of the *Guidelines*.

On December 14, 2011, at its regularly-scheduled business meeting, the California Energy Commission considered the recommendations of the Lead Commissioner on Efficiency Matters, recommendations by staff, and comments submitted orally and in writing by the public.

The Commission approves and adopts the *Guidelines* for the purpose of advising and coordinating with the SPI, as the Department of Education administers the Clean Technology and Renewable Energy Partnership Academy grants.

It is so Ordered.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on December 14, 2011 .

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NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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California Energy Commission