

September 9, 2020, California Energy Commission Business Meeting

Item 13. SMALL POWER PLANT EXEMPTION FOR THE SEQUOIA BACKUP GENERATING FACILITY (19-SPPE-03).

[Committee Proposed Decision](#)

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=234416>

[Notice of Availability](#) of the Committee Proposed Decision, Notice of Public Comment Period, and Notice of CEC Hearing

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=234417>

[Proposed Commission Adoption Order](#)

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=234482>

[List of Documents](#) filed in the Sequoia Backup Generating Facility Small Power Plant Exemption, including the Application for Small Power Plant Exemption and any other documents filed after this list was created on August 25, 2020:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-SPPE-03>

[Project Web page:](#)

<https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sequoia/>



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**APPLICATION FOR SMALL POWER PLANT
EXEMPTION FOR THE:**

***SEQUOIA BACKUP GENERATING
FACILITY***

Docket No. 19-SPPE-03

[PROPOSED] COMMISSION ADOPTION ORDER

By this **ORDER**, the California Energy Commission (CEC) hereby adopts as its own Commission Decision the Committee Proposed Decision dated August 21, 2020¹ [and Errata, dated September XX, 2020].²

The Commission Decision addresses the Application for a Small Power Plant Exemption submitted by C1-Santa Clara, LLC (Applicant) for the Sequoia Backup Generating Facility, which includes 54 2.25 megawatts diesel generators (Backup Generators) to support the Sequoia Data Center's uninterruptible power supply system. The Sequoia Data Center, the Backup Generators, and related activities, are collectively referred to herein as "the Project."

The Commission Decision is based upon the hearing record of these proceedings. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the entire hearing record are on file in the CEC's Docket Unit, located at 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814, and are available for inspection by any interested person. The documents and other materials that make up the record of this proceeding relied upon in making this decision are also available online on the [CEC's web page](http://www2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/Sequoia/) at

<https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/Sequoia/>.

FINDINGS

We hereby adopt the following findings pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq. and 25541 and applicable implementing regulations, in addition to those contained in the Commission Decision:

¹ TN 234416.

² TN TBD

1. The Backup Generators will not generate electricity in excess of 100 megawatts.
2. The demolition, construction and operation activities of the Project will not create a substantial adverse impact on the environment.
3. The demolition, construction and operation activities of the Project will not create a substantial adverse impact on energy resources.

ORDER

Therefore, we order the following:

1. The Sequoia Backup Generating Facility is **GRANTED** a Small Power Plant Exemption from the Application for Certification provisions of the CEC's power plant licensing process.
2. The Hearing and Policy Unit of the CEC Chief Counsel's Office shall incorporate the Commission Decision and any modifications made by the Commission during the September 9, 2020, Business Meeting into a single document.
3. The CEC staff shall file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse within five (5) business days of September 9, 2020, subject to Applicant being responsible for payment of all applicable filing fees.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC 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 CEC held on September 9, 2020.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Cody Goldthrite
Secretariat