

June 25, 2021, California Energy Commission Business Meeting

Item 1. SMALL POWER PLANT EXEMPTION FOR THE SEQUOIA BACKUP GENERATING FACILITY (19-SPPE-03).

[Revised Committee Proposed Decision](#)

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[Notice of Intent, et al.](#)

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[Corrected Proof of Publication of Notice of Intent](#)

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=238172>

[Proof of Service by Mail](#) (Notice of Intent)

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[Proposed Commission Adoption Order](#)

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[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 June 17, 2021:

<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 ORDER ON REVISED COMMITTEE
PROPOSED DECISION**

By this **ORDER**, the California Energy Commission (CEC) hereby adopts as its own Commission Decision the Revised Committee Proposed Decision dated June 4, 2021¹ [and Errata, dated June xx, 2021].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/>.

¹ TN 238118.

² TN TBD

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. The generating capacity of the Backup Generators will not exceed 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 Revised Committee Proposed Decision, filed on June 4, 2021, [any changes made at the Business Meeting, and the Errata filed on June x, 2021] with the exception of Attachment A is adopted as the Commission Decision and incorporated by reference into this Order. This Order is adopted, issued, effective, and final on June 25, 2021.
2. 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.
3. The Hearing and Policy Unit of the CEC Chief Counsel's Office shall incorporate the Revised Committee Proposed Decision [the Errata dated June xx, 2021 and any modifications made by the Commission during the June 25, 2021, Business Meeting] into a single document to be named "Commission Final Decision." Preparation and publication of the Commission Final Decision shall not affect the adoption, issuance, effectiveness, or finality of this Order.
4. The CEC staff shall transmit a Notice of Determination to the State Clearinghouse within five (5) business days of June 25, 2021, 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 June 25, 2021.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Patricia Carlos
Secretariat