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**From:** California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-48  
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**Project Applicant:** Smithfield Packaged Meats Corp.

**Project Title:** Waste Heat Recovery to Reduce Natural Gas Usage

**Project Location – Specific:** 3049 E Vernon Ave

**Project Location – City:** Vernon 90058

**Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of this Agreement is to fund the installation and commissioning of energy efficient drop-in ready equipment at the Recipient's food processing facility. The Recipient will install and commission heat recovery exchanger systems (economizers) on existing exhaust gas stacks. The Project will reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by recovering waste heat to reduce the natural gas demands at existing boilers.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Energy Commission

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Smithfield Packaged Meats Corp.

**Exempt Status: (check one)**

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number  
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

This project will fund the purchase of 6 commercially-available economizers for existing high-temperature exhaust stacks at a meat processing facility. The economizers will help improve the efficiency of the facility's boilers by reducing energy demands, which will lead to subsequent greenhouse gas reductions.

14 C.C.R. §15301: The project involves minor alteration of existing structures and mechanical equipment. Heat recovery exchanger systems on exhaust gas stacks will be installed at existing food processing facilities. The economizers will reduce emissions of existing boiler equipment. These installations will be minor alterations to the structures and equipment, with no expansion beyond the existing use of the food processing facilities and will not have significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

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**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: 

Date: 3/15/19

Title: Energy Analyst

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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