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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
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Project Applicant: Foster Poultry Farms, Inc.

Project Title: Foster Farms Livingston Electrification Project

Project Location – Specific: 843 Davis St

Project Location – City: Livingston 95334

Project Location – County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to fund the installation of transformers, gantry system and electric power plugs to supply power to electric motors cooling the trailers containing processed food. This project will enable a fuel switch from diesel to electrically powered Transport Refrigeration Units.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Foster Poultry Farms, Inc.

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 ; Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will install electric infrastructure that is capable of providing enough electricity for 266 transport refrigeration unit (TRU) stalls. The stalls will displace diesel fuel consumed by the TRUs when docked and idled at the food processing facility. This project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and nitrous oxide emissions associated with the idling of diesel generators in the TRUs. Each exemption is an independent basis for finding the project exempt.

14 C.C.R. §15301: The proposed system for this project includes equipment such as switchgear, conductors, transformers, conduits, gantries, grips, cords, and receptacles. There will be minor alterations to the existing structures currently housing the TRUs. Alterations include painting, installation of receptacles, bus ducts, and conduits. Tests will be conducted on the equipment to check insulation, current path, functionality and sequencing.

14 C.C.R. §15304: The proposed site for the project lacks the infrastructure needed to support the electrical components that will be installed. A new concrete pad will be installed for a 3500 KVA transformer and a bus duct for utility service. Because the shore power will extend out to the TRUs via underground PVC conduit and overhead conduit, there will be trenching, asphalt cutting, backfilling, and patch work done on the existing trailer parking yard at the food processing

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facility. The alterations to the land will not have an environmental impact and the surface will be restored after the PVC conduit is buried. Therefore, this project will fall under the class 4 categorical exemption.

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

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Lead Agency

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Signed by Applicant

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