ATTACHMENT 2

Notice of Exemption CEQA

Resolution Granting
Pipeline Franchise to ERG
Operating Company, LLC

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Support Services Division

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s) Palmer Road and Cat Canyon Road

Case No. Real Property File No. 002056

LOCATION: County Public Right of Ways of Cat Canyon and Palmer Roads, on the border between the Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts in the unincorporated portion of the County, north of Los Alamos.

PROJECT TITLE: EGR Operating Company, LLC Private Franchise

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Issue a Private Franchise to EGR Operating Company for an existing pipeline system consisting of one idle produced water pipeline and sixteen pipeline crossings of County right of way. The existing idle produced water pipeline runs along Cat Canyon and Palmer Roads, on the border between the Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts in the unincorporated portion of the County, north of Los Alamos. The sixteen pipeline crossings of Cat Canyon and Palmer Roads contain sixty-seven pipelines serving ERG's oil facilities on both sides of those roads, and transport various petroleum liquids from their facilities on one side of the road to the other side.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)
Ministerial
Statutory
X Categorical Exemption (Section 15301)
Emergency Project
No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Sections: 15301, Existing Facilities, Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project consists of granting a new private franchise agreement to ERG to replace an existing expired private franchise agreement, to allow ERG to continue to operate and maintain an existing private pipeline system. The Project will not involve any alterations or expansion of the existing use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The franchise area does not contain any uniquely sensitive habitat, there are no unusual circumstances that would increase the possibility of a significant effect on the environment, and there is no significant risk of a cumulative impact over time caused by successive projects of the same type in the same place.

Department/Division Representative

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