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CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination

Applicant Name and Address:

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CEQA Lead Agency: South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)

Project Title: Proposed Rule 2305 – Warehouse Indirect Source Rule

CEQA Document Type: Negative Declaration

State Clearinghouse Number/local agency ID number: 2020110225

Project Location: The proposed project may affect existing and new warehouses located throughout the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) jurisdiction, which includes the four county South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portion of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the non-Palo Verde, Riverside County portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin. An aerial map of the entire South Coast AQMD jurisdiction can be found at:

https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=dd4a15deed8647edacb14f140ca83d 05

Brief Project Description: Implementation of the proposed project would be conducted at new and existing affected warehouses, which are typically located in industrial or commercial areas, that have already been developed. Thus, the proposed project is not expected to adversely affect in any way habitats that support riparian habitat, federally protected wetlands, or migratory corridors. Similarly, special status plants, animals, or natural communities identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are not expected to be found on or in close proximity to the affected facilities because the affected facilities are in existing industrial, commercial or mixed land use areas. Further, activities resulting from the compliance of the proposed project would be subject to project-level review, including review of biological impacts under CEQA, as applicable. Any offsite installation of zero emission charging/refueling infrastructure near applicable warehouses would also be subject to a project-level CEQA review. Therefore, the proposed project would have no direct or indirect impacts that could adversely affect plant or animal species or the habitats on which they rely in the South Coast AQMD. The proposed project does not require the acquisition of additional land or further conversions of riparian habitats or sensitive natural communities where endangered or sensitive species may be found. Based upon these considerations, the proposed project is not expected to adversely affect

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biological resources. The full document, which includes the drafts of the proposed rule language in Appendices A and B, may be accessed at: http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/documents/aqmd-projects/2020/pr-2305---nopis-with-appendices.pdf

Determination: Based on a review of the project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (c)) the project has no effect on fish, wildlife or their habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

Please retain this original determination for your records. Local lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the county clerk at the time of filing the Notice of Determination (NOD) after the project is approved. State lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (i.e., State Clearinghouse) at the time of filing the NOD. If you do not file a copy of this determination as appropriate with the county clerk or State Clearinghouse at the time of filing the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 711.4, subdivision (c)(3).

Approved by:		DocuSigned by: Jennifer Turner <u>COD440ECD7C14DE</u> Signature	Date:	11/16/2020
	Jennifer Turner, S (Supervisory)	Senior Environmental Scientist	_	
		Name, Title		
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