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Subject: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING DIRECTING THE FILING OF INFORMATION NEEDED FOR CEQA REVIEW IN A.20-07-024

To the Applicant for proceeding number A2007024:

Pursuant to CEQA and Rule 2.4, the Commission examines construction projects to determine any potential environmental impacts in order that adverse effects are avoided and environmental quality is restored or enhanced to the fullest extent possible. Open5G Inc. (Open5G) requests that the Commission utilize the expedited twenty-one day CEQA review process established by Energy Division staff for review of proposed projects. This expedited process applies to projects that may be exempt from the requirements of CEQA. Open5G submits that its projects are exempt from CEQA requirements because they involve the installation of equipment in or on existing facilities and structures with limited ground disruption.

For the CEQA review process, the Energy Division needs the information required below (pursuant to Application of Vero Fiber Networks, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, proceeding number A.18-01-006). The Energy Division will review Open5G's submission for the proposed project to determine whether Open5G is exempt from CEQA requirements. Within 21 days from the date of Open5G's submittal, the Energy Division will issue either: 1) A Notice to Proceed and file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse, Office of Planning and Research, or 2) A letter of denial stating the specific reasons why the

claimed exemption(s) are not applicable to the proposed project.

Accordingly, IT IS RULED that Open5G shall submit the following information along with a verification attesting to its accuracy by October 27, 2020:

1. A detailed description of the proposed project, including:
 - a. Customer(s) to be served;
 - b. The precise location of the proposed construction project(s); and
 - c. Regional and local site maps.
2. A description of the environmental setting, to include at a minimum:
 - i. Cultural, historical, and paleontological resources;
 - ii. Biological resources; and
 - iii. Current land use and zoning.
3. A construction work-plan, to include:
 - a. Commission Preconstruction Survey Checklist—Archaeological Resources;
 - b. Commission Preconstruction Survey Checklist—Biological Resources;
 - c. A detailed schedule of construction activities, including site restoration activities;
 - d. A description of construction/installation techniques;
 - e. A list of other agencies contacted with respect to siting, land use planning, and environmental resource issues, including contact information; and
 - f. A list of permits required for the proposed project.
4. A statement of the CEQA exemption(s) applicable to the proposed project; and

5. Documentation and factual evidence sufficient to support a finding that the claimed exemption(s) is (are) applicable.

Applicant may contact the Commission Public Advisor's Office at 1-(866) 849-8390 or 1-(415) 703-2074 for assistance with procedural questions.

1. IT IS SO RULED.

THE DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING

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