Notice of Exemption

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To: ☐1 Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

X County Clerk
County of Inyo
P. O. Box F
Independence, CA 93526

From: (Public Agency) _____

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

300 Mandich Street

Bishop, CA 93514

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Project Title: **Independence Sewer User Service Charge Increase**

Project Location - Specific: **Proposed Rate Increase Structure of the User Service Charges for the Independence Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Collection System**

Project Location - City: Independence **Project Location - County:** Inyo

Description of Project: The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power owns and operates the Independence Wastewater Treatment Plant and sewer collection system. The current sewer User Service Charges were established in 1975, a new sewer User Service Charge fee structure is being proposed to increase the single family residential rate from $3.50 per month to $21 a month. Other customer classes will also face increased rates. Five annual step increases are being proposed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

☐ 2 Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ 3 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ 4 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☐ 5 Categorical Exemption. State Type and section number;
X 6 Statutory Exemptions. State code number; 15273 Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges

Reasons why project is exempt: Statutory Exemption Section 15273. CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of: meeting operating expenses; purchasing supplies, equipment, or materials; meeting financial reserve needs and requirements; obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Gene Coufal Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 872-1104

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? X Yes ☐7 No

Signature: _____ Date: 1/9/12 Title: Aqueduct Manager

X Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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