

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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January 16, 2018

Sara Warren  
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Dear Ms. Warren:

Crown Castle submitted Notice of Proposed Construction CC2017-056 (Hillsborough), for the installation of 16 new micro-antenna, new/replacement utility poles, and fiber optic cable in Hillsborough, California. The NPC requests the Energy Division to act upon Crown Castle/NextG's request for a determination that the proposed project is consistent with the activities identified as categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission).

In January 2003, the Commission granted NextG the authority to operate as limited facilities-based (LFB) carrier in California. In May 2006, NextG submitted A.06-05-031 seeking expansion of its LFB authority to include the installation of Distributed Antenna System (DAS) micro-antennae and other related equipment in California. In the application, NextG stated that its projects may include the installation of a limited number of new poles, small scale or micro-trenching, conduit installation, and the installation of laterals. Under D.07-04-045, the Commission determined that the projects planned by NextG would fall within one of several categorical exemptions identified under CEQA, and that further environmental review would not be required.

The Energy Division has reviewed the Crown Castle's proposal to install micro antenna and fiber optic equipment in Hillsborough, California and finds that the project is consistent with the projects identified by the Commission as categorically exempt from CEQA. The Energy Division hereby grants Crown Castle/NextG with the authority to proceed with the construction of the project as described in the NPC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jensen Uchida'.

Jensen Uchida  
California Public Utilities Commission  
Regulatory Analyst