U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: EERE-RW/EECBG

Project Title: City of Grand Island Strategy

Location: Nebraska City of Grand Island

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

The City of Grand Island strategy focuses on two EECBG defined project activities: 1) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs for Buildings and Facilities and 2) Energy Efficiency Retrofits. The City has a history of implementing energy efficiency improvement strategies and adopting policies that support energy efficiency planning and programs. In 2009 the Grand Island City Council adopted "Stewardship of the Environment" as a 2009-2010 priority and defined five environmental issues pertinent to the community:

1. Provides for the renewal of the environment through recycling and reuse
2. Manages and mitigates factors that impact environmental quality and sustainability
3. Encourages energy conservation and efficiency incentives and the provision of alternative solutions
4. Mitigates and abates threats to the environment caused by nature
5. Promotes and regulates a clean, orderly and ecologically balanced community

In planning for the strategy, the City identified a large number of energy saving measures that have been implemented during the past 10 years

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B2.5 Safety and environmental improvements of a facility, replacement/upgrade of facility components

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

X- A1 - Routine administrative/financial/personnel actions

X- A9 - Information gathering/data analysis/document preparation/dissemination

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21 Click Here

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Othalene J. Lawrence Date Determined: Sep 30, 2010

Comments: Webmaster: Billie Newland Digitally signed by Billie Newland DN: cn=Billie Newland, o=U.S. Department of Energy, ou=EERE, email=Billie.Newland@hq.doe.gov, c=US Date: 2010.10.01 12:53:58 -04'00'

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