

memorandum

DATE: September 19, 2012

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Shannon Hildreth
Project Manager –TERR Covington

Proposed Action: Respond to the Town of Eatonville's Land Use Review Request (LURR)

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B4.7 Fiber Optic Cable

Location: Eatonville, Pierce County, Washington

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: In response to the Town of Eatonville's LURR, BPA proposes to allow the Town of Eatonville to complete a cable connection between BPA's Lynch Creek substation and an existing vault. Activities include installing a new wood pole, trenching 37 feet, and placement of cable and conduit in the trench. Work would occur primarily within a previously disturbed area in the the southeast corner of the substation property boundary.

Findings: BPA has determined that the proposed action complies with Section 1021.410 and Appendix B of Subpart D of the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (57 FR 15144, Apr. 24, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 36221-36243, July 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996, 76 FR 63764, Nov. 14, 2011). The proposed action does not present any extraordinary circumstances that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. The proposal is not connected [40 C.F.R. 1508.25(a)(1)] to other actions with potentially significant impacts, has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts [40 C.F.R. 1508.25(a)(2)], and is not precluded by 40 C.F.R. 1506.1 or 10 C.F.R. 1021.211. Moreover, the proposed action would not (i) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, (ii) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, (iii) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases, (iv) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, or (v) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements.

This proposed action meets the requirements for the Categorical Exclusion referenced above. We therefore determine that the proposed action may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

/s/ Stephanie Breeden
Stephanie Breeden
Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

/s/ Katherine S. Pierce
Katherine S. Pierce or Stacy Mason
NEPA Compliance Officer

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Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Name of Proposed Project: City of Eatonville's Cable Connection at Lynch Creek Substation

Work Order #: 2147

This project does not have the potential to cause significant impacts on the following environmentally sensitive resources. See 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B for complete descriptions of the resources. This checklist is to be used as a summary – further discussion may be included in the Categorical Exclusion Memorandum.

<u>Environmental Resources</u>	<u>No Potential for Significance</u>	<u>No Potential, with Conditions (describe)</u>
1. Historic Properties and Cultural Resources Section 106 completed September 19, 2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) None in project area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands None in project area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Areas of special designation None in project area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Health & safety Workers would follow BPA standards for Health and Safety during construction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Prime or unique farmlands None in project area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water None in project area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Other (describe) None in project area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: /s/ Stephanie Breeden

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