

# memorandum

DATE: April 25, 2013

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Julie Goodrich  
Project Manager – TERR-3

**Proposed Action:** City of Sherwood Sewer Line Replacement Land Use Review Request

**Budget Information:** 184006

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):** B 4.9 Multiple use of powerline rights-of-way

**Location:** Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA proposes to approve a land use review request (LURR) submitted by the city of Sherwood (city) to replace a portion of its proposed sewer line within existing BPA fee-owned right-of-way (ROW) between structure 19/11 of BPA's Keeler-Oregon City No. 2 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road. The city would replace the existing 8-inch diameter sewer line with a new 12-inch diameter sewer line to increase its capacity. The city would use a backhoe to excavate an open trench 100 feet long and 15 feet deep. The area within the project site is for mixed commercial uses and includes a landscaped section.

**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.

Based on the provisions identified on the attachment, 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/ Jeffrey J. Maslow*  
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Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

*/s/ Katherine S. Pierce*  
Katherine S. Pierce  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: *April 26, 2013*

Attachment(s):  
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions and Provisions

## **ATTACHMENT**

### **PROVISIONS**

This categorical exclusion will meet the following provisions:

#### **Natural Resources**

- Implement erosion and sediment control best management practices (BMPs) that are protective of water resources.
- Collect, remove, and legally dispose of any construction waste, or fill material unsuitable for grading and backfilling off-site in accordance with the policies and procedures prescribed by BPA's Pollution Prevention and Abatement group and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

#### **Cultural Resources**

In the event any archaeological or historical material is encountered during project activities, the following actions should be taken:

- Stop work in the vicinity and notify the BPA environmental lead, a BPA archaeologist, appropriate BPA project staff, interested Tribes, Oregon SHPO, and the appropriate county, state, and federal agencies ASAP.
- Implement reasonable measures to protect the discovery site, including any appropriate stabilization or covering.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure the confidentiality of the discovery site, including restricting access.

# Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Name of Proposed Project: City of Sherwood Sewer Line Replacement Land Use Review Request

Work Order #: 184006

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.

Environmental Resources	No Potential for Significance	No Potential, with Conditions (describe)
1. Historic Properties and Cultural Resources ----- Ensure proper actions are taken in the event any archaeological or historical materials are encountered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands ----- Implement erosion and sediment control best management practices (BMPs) that are protective of water resources.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Areas of special designation -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Health & safety -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Prime or unique farmlands -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Other (describe) -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: /s/ Jeffrey J. Maslow

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