U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

Project Title: Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians On Site Renewable Technologies (Wind)

Location: Michigan Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa

Proposed Action or Project Description:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

The proposed action would involve hiring a consultant to conduct a wind feasibility study to insure the selected locations will be effective at producing wind energy; installing two wind turbines to be attached to tribal buildings: one at Bell's Fishery site in Mackinaw City and one at the Health Park in Petoskey; and conducting an evaluation on the effects of the turbines. The power generated from the wind turbines will be used to operate the aerators at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Bell's Fishery and to offset power used by the LTBB Health Clinic building.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

X - B3.6 Siting/construction/operation/decommissioning of facilities for bench-scale research, conventional laboratory operations, small-scale research and development and pilot projects

*-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: Jane Summerson Date Determined: Nov 10, 2009

Comments:

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