



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: TRIBAL ENERGY PROGRAM
Project Title CA-TEP-CAMPO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
Location: Tribal CAMPO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS CA

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians (Band) of California proposes pre-construction activities for the Kumeyaay Wind II Project in connection with the development of a 160 MW wind energy project on the Camp Reservation, located approximately 70 miles east of San Diego, California. Phase I pre-construction activities include: obtaining environmental permits including preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Statement, completing engineering and design drawings, obtaining state approval of the project electrical transmission interconnection, obtaining Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) approval of wind leases, obtaining cooperative agreements with county and state governments for revenue sharing, obtaining a Tribal Resource Energy Agreement, obtaining financing to exercise purchase option, and developing a business plan for the project. The BIA has agreed in a letter dated June 22, 2010, to the U.S. Department of Energy that they will become the lead agency for NEPA purposes for this proposed project. Since Phase I of this project comprises primarily obtaining environmental permits, completing drawings, obtaining approvals, and developing a business plan for the project, as well as preparation of the NEPA document, DOE has determined that Phase I of this project can be categorically excluded. Other phases of the project would be under the direction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs as the lead agency for NEPA purposes, and DOE would serve as a cooperating agency.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, B3.1

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021

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.

ORO NEPA Compliance Officer **Gary S. Hartman** Date Determined: 6/30/2010



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