U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

Project Title: Chitimacha Tribe Energy Efficiency and Conservation Retrofits

Location: Louisiana Chitimacha Tribe of LA

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

The Chitimacha Tribe has a long-term goal of retrofitting its existing facilities with energy efficient HVAC Systems. This will require the replacement of old energy inefficient HVAC equipment with modem SEER 14 equipment. The deliverable for this activity would be the replacement of five (5) HVAC Systems on Tribal Government Support Buildings. Located on the Reservation, the buildings are public government buildings housing CECHP Insurance, Human Resources, Culture Department, Tribal Museum, Scholarship and Enrollment Department, and Human Services.

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

*-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: Mary Martin Date Determined: Nov 2, 2009

Comments: Webmaster: Billie Newland Digitally signed by Billie Newland DN: cn=Billie Newland, o=Energy Enterprise Solutions, ou, email=Billie.Newland@hq.doe.gov, c=US Date: 2009.11.25 12:19:37 -05'00'

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