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MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL (GC-1)

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SUBJECT: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Annual Planning Summary

Included for your information is the 2013 Annual NEPA Planning Summary for Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) as required by DOE Order 451.1B. The Summary describes the status of Southwestern’s environmental assessments (EA) and environmental impact statements (EIS).

Southwestern, as a cooperating federal agency, is preparing one EA on behalf of the United States Forest Service as summarized in the following table.

EA Title/ Location	Estimated Cost	Estimated NEPA Milestones	Description
Utility Corridor Vegetation Management, Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, Pope and Searcy Counties, Arkansas (DOE/EA-1629)	\$78,849	Determination Date: 05/28/2008  Transmittal to State: 3/1/2013  EA Approval: 5/1/2013  FONSI: 7/1/2013	Southwestern proposes to amend US Forest Service Special Use Permits to allow limited use of herbicides to aid in the maintenance of utility corridors and a radio station across portions of the Ozark St. Francis National Forest.

Section 1222(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA) authorizes the Secretary of Energy, acting through and in consultation with the Administrator of the Southwestern to participate with other entities in the development of electric power transmission facilities. The following EIS, as summarized in the table below, is being prepared by the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability in conjunction with Southwestern in accordance with the Secretary of Energy’s authorization.

EIS Title/Location	Estimated Cost	Estimated NEPA Milestones	Description
Plains & Eastern Project, OK, AR, TX, and TN (DOE/EIS-0486)	Not Available	See <a href="#">Plains and Eastern Clean Line website</a> for schedule	The project includes construction of a high voltage electric transmission system and associated facilities from the Oklahoma Panhandle region to load-serving entities in the Mid-South and Southeast. Further information is available on the <a href="#">EIS website</a> .