U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: EERE-RW/EECBG

Project Title: Development of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy

Location: Massachusetts City of Attleboro

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

The City of Attleboro, Massachusetts hired Peregrine Energy Group, Inc. to develop the City's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (EECS, Attachment D. The EECS establishes an overall strategy for the City to move forward on a number of energy saving measures, which will then be implemented through the balance of the City's EECBG allocation.

Development of the EECS involved the following steps:

(1) Identifying the priorities, goals, and potential projects that will strengthen the City's overall energy strategy.

(2) Selecting and describing, within the EECS, Project Activities that are eligible under the EECBG Program and that can be effectively pursued with the City's EECBG grant allocation as well as rebates and other incentives available from other sources.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

X- A9 - Information gathering/data analysis/document preparation/dissemination

X- A11 - Technical advice and assistance to organizations

*-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: Athalene J. Lawrence Date Determined: May 17, 2010

Comments: Webmaster: Lawrence Wiggins Digitally signed by Lawrence Wiggins DN: cn=Lawrence Wiggins, o=EES, ou, email=Lawrence.Wiggins@hq.doe.gov, c=US Date: 2010.05.24 16:27:21 -04'00'

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