

United States Government

Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

DATE: March 3, 2011

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

to: Richard Heredia
Supervisory Civil Engineer – TELF-TPP-3

Proposed Action: Access Road Maintenance Project near structures 16/6, 16/7 and 17/1 of the N. Bonneville-Alcoa No. 1 & 2 transmission line corridor

PP&A Project No.: 1388

Categorical Exclusions Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.3, Routine maintenance activities...for structures, rights-of-way, infrastructures such as roads, equipment... routine maintenance activities, corrective...are required to maintain...infrastructures...in a condition suitable for a facility to be used for its designed purpose.

Location: The project is located approximately 4 miles northeast of Washougal in Clark County, Washington, T1N, R4E, Sections 1 and 12.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to perform road reconstruction work to improve vehicle access to structures 16/6, 16/7 and 17/1 of the N. Bonneville-Alcoa No. 1 & 2 transmission line corridor from SE 37th Street to the right-of-way, then to structure 16/6 to the east, and structure 17/1 to the west. The total distance of this project is approximately 2200 feet. Project work may include, but is not limited to: vegetation removal to clear a 20-foot width, grading and shaping of existing roads, repairing road sub-grade, placing and compacting road surfacing, and cross-drain culvert installation. The improved road will have 14-foot wide travel surface. BPA is also proposing a culvert replacement on SE 37th Street during the in-water work period, July 16 – September 30.

Findings: BPA has determined that the proposed action complies with Section 1021.410 and Appendix B of Subpart D of the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (57 FR 15144, April 24, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 36221-36243, July 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996). The proposed action does not present any extraordinary circumstances that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. The proposal is not connected [40 C.F.R 1508.25(a)(1)] to other action with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impact [40 C.F.R. 1508(a)(2)], and is not precluded by 40 C.F.R. 1506.1 or 10 C.F.R. 1021.211. Moreover, the proposed action would not (i) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, (ii) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, (iii) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act - excluded petroleum and natural gas

products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted release, or (iv) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources. The proposal will not affect any listed threatened or endangered species, or critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act, or Essential Fish Habitat under the Magnuson-Steven Fishery Conservation and Management Act, or historic properties under the National Historic Preservation Act.

This proposed action meets the requirements for the Categorical Exclusion referenced above. We therefore determine that the proposed action may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

/s/ Oden Jahn

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Physical Scientist (Environmental)

Concur: /s/ Katherine S. Pierce

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NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachment:

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: Access Road Maintenance Project Near Structures 16/6, 16/7 and 17/1 of the N. Bonneville-Alcoa No. 1 & 2 Transmission Line

Work Order #: 230995 **PP&A Project No.:** 1388

Prepared by: Oden Jahn **Routing:** KEPR-4 **Date:** 2/23/11

This project has been found to not adversely affect the following environmentally sensitive resources, laws, and regulations:

| Environmental Resources | No Adverse Effect | No Adverse Effect With conditions |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Cultural Resources Please see the attached Inadvertent Discovery Language provided by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Floodplains or wetlands | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Areas of special designation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Health & safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Prime agricultural lands | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Special sources of water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Consistency with state and local laws and regulations The culvert replacement on SE 37 th St. should take place during the in-water work period, July 16 - September 30. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Pollution control at Federal facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |