

memorandum

DATE: December 27, 2012

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Joan Kendall
Project Manager, TERR-3

Proposed Action: Sale of Lakeside Radio Station

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.24 - Property Transfers

Location: Lakeside (Coos County), Oregon

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to sell a communications facility known as the Lakeside Radio Station to the Central Lincoln People's Utility District (Central Lincoln). Components of this facility include a building with air conditioning, a nitrogen tank, a communications tower, and easement rights for the building, three beam paths, and an access road. In 2008, BPA and Central Lincoln reached an agreement to transfer ownership of some of the equipment located within the Lakeside Radio Station since it directly interfaced with their radio system. At that time Central Lincoln agreed, at its own expense, to own and maintain the installed equipment and antennas, the digital radio, associated batteries and chargers. BPA only retained ownership and the maintenance responsibility on the building and tower at the Lakeside Radio Station site. At this time, BPA has determined it has no immediate or future need of the Lakeside Radio Site and will no longer need to retain ownership. The transfer in ownership to Central Lincoln would not change the use of the equipment and would not have the potential to release substances at a level or in a form that could pose a threat to public health or the environment.

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, Apr. 24, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 36221-36243, July 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996, 76 FR 63764, Nov. 14, 2011). 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 actions with potentially significant impacts, has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts [40 C.F.R. 1508.25(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 releases, (iv) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, or (v) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements.

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/ Andrew M. Montano
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Concur:

/s/ Katherine S. Pierce
Katherine S. Pierce
NEPA Compliance Officer – KEC-4

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Attachment:
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: Sale of Lakeside Radio Station

Work Order #: 00247200

This project does not have the potential to cause significant impacts on the following environmentally sensitive resources. See 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B for complete descriptions of the resources. This checklist is to be used as a summary – further discussion may be included in the Categorical Exclusion Memorandum.

<u>Environmental Resources</u>	<u>No Potential for Significance</u>	<u>No Potential, with Conditions (describe)</u>
1. Historic Properties and Cultural Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 or unique farmlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Other (describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: /s/ Andrew Montano

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