

# memorandum

DATE: November 14, 2013

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Joan Kendall  
Project Manager – TERR-3

**Proposed Action:** East Grangeville Substation Sale

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

**Location:** Idaho County, Idaho

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA is proposing to sell its existing East Grangeville Substation to Idaho County Light and Power (ICL&P), located east of the City of Grangeville, Idaho. ICL&P, a BPA network integration customer, owns the land occupied by the substation, proposes to purchase the substation to enhance the reliability of its local distribution system and reduce monthly low voltage costs and Use of Facility Transmission (UFT) charges. Completion of the sale would relieve BPA of the cost of operating and maintaining the remotely located substation.

In order to complete the project, BPA would sell its East Grangeville Substation to ICL&P, including all indoor and outdoor equipment, materials, and structures. The transfer in ownership to ICL&P 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. The proposed project would have no effect on cultural resources, historic properties, or federally-listed wildlife species and their critical habitat located in Idaho County.

**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.

Based on the provisions identified on the attachment, the 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/ Zachary R. Gustafson*  
Zachary R. Gustafson  
Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

*/s/ Katherine S. Pierce*  
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NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachment:  
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

# Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Name of Proposed Project: East Grangeville Substation Sale

Work Order #: 327754

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 The substation is not a historic structure.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) Not present.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands Not present.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Areas of special designation Not present.	<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/ Zachary Gustafson

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