

memorandum

DATE: April 14, 2014

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Jennifer Altschuler
Project Manager – TERP

Proposed Action: Tacoma-Raver Access Road Easement Exchange

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021: B 1.24 Property transfers

Location: King County, Washington

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to acquire and release access road rights on the Tacoma-Raver No. 1 & 2 230-kilovolt transmission line. The City of Auburn has requested release of two access road tracts in exchange for granting an easement to BPA across an existing access road on the City's property. The existing access road is approximately 1,130 feet long, accessing towers 11/4 and 11/5. It is currently used by BPA and other utilities.

In exchange for the acquisition of rights to the existing road, BPA would release rights to approximately 4,220 linear feet of access road easement on tracts 3C-T-11-AR-1P1 and C-T-5-AR-9 that have not been developed as access roads. The proposed action would clarify access rights to reflect the current use of existing facilities. There are no planned improvements associated with this property transfer.

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/ Carolyn A. Sharp
Carolyn A. Sharp
Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

/s/ Stacy L. Mason
Stacy L. Mason
NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachment:
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: Tacoma-Raver Access Road Easement Exchange

Work Order #: 00348158

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.

Environmental Resources	No Potential for Significance	No Potential, with Conditions (describe)
1. Historic Properties and Cultural Resources No ground-disturbing project activities – property transfer only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) No ground-disturbing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands No ground-disturbing project activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Areas of special designation No ground-disturbing project activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Health & safety No potential for release of hazardous substances	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Prime or unique farmlands None present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water No ground-disturbing project activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Other (describe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: /s/ Carolyn Sharp

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