

memorandum

DATE: July 29, 2014

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Jennifer Altschuler
Project Manager – TERP**Proposed Action:** Acquisition of access road easements**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021:** B1.24 Property transfers**Location:** Multiple locations within Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) service area**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA proposes to acquire and release access road rights on several transmission line corridors and substations in order to ensure permanent legal access to BPA facilities for operation and maintenance purposes.

The proposed action would perfect access rights to reflect the current use of existing facilities. The width of the easements are generally 20 feet wide. There are no planned improvements associated with these property transfers.

Tracts/Roads	BPA facility	Length	Owner	County	State
3LO-C-14-AR-1 3LO-C-15-AR-1	Longview-Chehalis No. 3 – structures 14/5 to 15/3	1.13 miles	Sierra Pacific	Cowlitz	WA
Utility Lane	Satsop Substation	0.38 miles	Port of Grays Harbor	Grays Harbor	WA
K-R-17-AR-4 K-R-33-AR-4 K-R-33-AR-5	Chehalis-Raymond No. 1 mile 33	0.46 miles	Private, Washington State Forestry Board	Pacific	WA
C-CE-11-AR-4	Chehalis-Centralia No. 1, structures 11/7 to 11/8	0.23 miles	Private	Lewis	WA
Private driveway	Steilacoom Substation	90 feet	Private	Pierce	WA

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
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Act 1 Group

Reviewed by:

/s/ Gene Lynard
Gene Lynard
Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist

Concur:

/s/ Stacy Mason Date: July 29, 2014
Stacy Mason
NEPA Compliance Officer

Attachment:
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: Acquisition of access road easements

Work Order #: 00348168, 00348314, 00322704, 00339636, 00348167

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 project activities	<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 A. Sharp

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