

Categorical Exclusion Determination

Bonneville Power Administration

Department of Energy



Proposed Action: Temporary staging and parking in Keeler- Oregon City No. 2 transmission line right-of-way

LURR No.: 20150235

Project Manager: J. Clark – TERR-3

Location: Washington County, Oregon

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B4.9 Multiple use of powerline right-of-way

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to allow the Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District the temporary use of BPA fee-owned right-of-way between structures 10/4 and 10/7 of the Keeler-Oregon City No. 2 line for vehicle parking and staging of equipment and materials. Approximately 0.18 acre of right-of-way would be temporarily fenced in three locations for staging and storage. The temporary fencing would consist of chain link attached to temporary concrete footers. Construction workers may park in two additional, unfenced portions of the right-of-way. No excavation or ground disturbance would be required for fence installation, staging, parking, or other project activities. Use of the right-of-way would occur between spring and fall 2016.

Findings: In accordance with Section 1021.410(b) 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), BPA has determined that the proposed action:

- (1) fits within a class of actions listed in Appendix B of 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D (see attached Environmental Checklist);
- (2) does not present any extraordinary circumstances that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and
- (3) has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

Based on these determinations, BPA finds that the proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

/s/ Katey Grange

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Environmental Protection Specialist

Concur:

/s/ Stacy Mason

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NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: December 8, 2015

Attachment(s): Environmental Checklist

Categorical Exclusion Environmental Checklist

This checklist documents environmental considerations for the proposed project and explains why the project would not have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources and would meet other integral elements of the applied categorical exclusion.

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Project Site Description

The project area is located within the city of Tualatin in Washington County, OR. The project area extends less than 0.5 mile from structure 10/4 and 10/7 in BPA's Keeler- Oregon City No. 2 transmission line right-of-way. The subject BPA right-of-way is located between an adjacent transmission line right-of-way, a paved walking trail, and an ODOT road right-of-way. The Tualatin Hills Nature Preserve, which is approximately 200 acres in size, is located adjacent to the utility corridor. Lands within the project area are managed right-of-way in a suburban residential and commercial setting. Review of aerial photography, topographic mapping, NWI data, and soil data indicate that there are no waterbodies or wetlands within the project area.

Evaluation of Potential Impacts to Environmental Resources

Environmental Resource Impacts	No Potential for Significance	No Potential for Significance, with Conditions
1. Historic and Cultural Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> The proposed activities do not have the potential to affect historic or cultural resources. No historic properties or cultural resources are known to occur on the proposed site.		
2. Geology and Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> No ground disturbance is proposed		
3. Plants (including federal/state special-status species)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> No special-status plant species present.		
4. Wildlife (including federal/state special-status species and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> No special-status wildlife species or habitat present.		
5. Water Bodies, Floodplains, and Fish (including federal/state special-status species and ESUs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> No waterbodies, floodplains, or fish present.		

6. **Wetlands**



Explanation: No wetlands present.

7. **Groundwater and Aquifers**



Explanation: No use of groundwater proposed.

8. **Land Use and Specially Designated Areas**



Explanation: No permanent land use changes proposed.

9. **Visual Quality**



Explanation: No permanent changes to the visual quality of the project area.

10. **Air Quality**



Explanation: Small quantity of vehicle emissions would be generated during use. No ground disturbance that would produce dust would occur.

11. **Noise**



Explanation: Temporary, intermittent noise would occur during staging and parking activities. Generated noise would be consistent with the other construction activities occurring off BPA ROW.

12. **Human Health and Safety**



Explanation: No impact to human health and safety.

Evaluation of Other Integral Elements

The proposed project would also meet conditions that are integral elements of the categorical exclusion. The project would not:

- Threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders.

Explanation, if necessary:

- Require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators) that are not otherwise categorically excluded.

Explanation, if necessary:

- Disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases.

Explanation, if necessary:

- 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, such as those of the Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Institutes of Health.

Explanation, if necessary:

Landowner Notification, Involvement, or Coordination

Description: BPA is the underlying landowner.

Based on the foregoing, this proposed project does not have the potential to cause significant impacts to any environmentally sensitive resource.

Signed: /s/ Katey Grange

Date: December 8, 2015