



# U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

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Proposed Action Title: Liberty Parker No. 1 Transmission Line Ownership Transfer to Western

Program or Field Office: Western Area Power Administration, Desert Southwest Region

Location(s) (City/County/State): La Paz and Maricopa Counties, Arizona & San Bernardino County, California

Proposed Action Description:

Western Area Power Administration (Western) plans to receive from the Bureau of Reclamation ownership of the Liberty Parker No. 1 230-kV Transmission Line. This transfer includes transmission line structures, conductors and attachments, as well as electrical equipment located in the two terminal substations. It also includes the easements across Arizona State Trust Land, Bureau of Land Management, California State Lands, and private lands. The right-of-way is typically 100 feet wide. Liberty Substation is located west of Phoenix, Maricopa County Arizona. Parker Substation is situated on the west side of the Colorado River in San Bernardino County California, north of Parker, Arizona.

Western operates and maintains this transmission line on behalf of Parker Davis Power System customers.

Special Conditions: None.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B1.24 - Property transfers

For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021.

Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410(b): (See full text in regulation)

The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D.

To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) 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; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) 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 listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

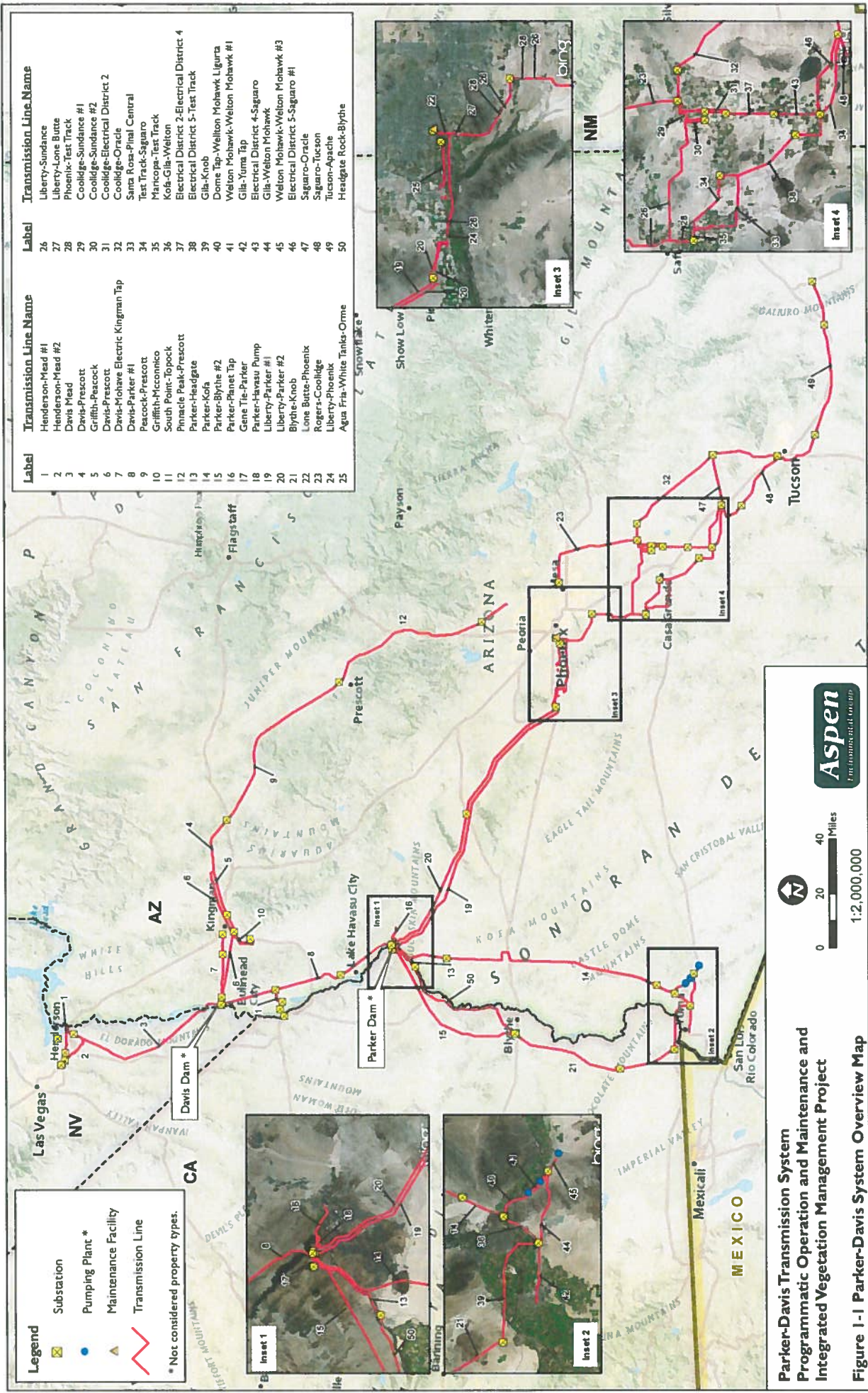
The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

Based on my review of the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer:

Date Determined:

2-1-16



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2	Henderson-Mead #2
3	Davis Mead
4	Griffith-Pasco
5	Griffith-Pasco
6	Davis-Pasco
7	Davis-Pasco
8	Davis-Pasco
9	Davis-Pasco
10	Pasco-Prescott
11	Griffith-Micconico
12	South Point-Topock
13	Pinnacle Peak-Prescott
14	Parker-Headgate
15	Parker-Koia
16	Parker-Blythe #2
17	Parker-Phanet Tap
18	Gene Tie-Parker
19	Parker-Havasu Pump
20	Liberty-Parker #1
21	Liberty-Parker #2
22	Blythe-Knob
23	Lone Butte-Phoenix
24	Rogers-Coolidge
25	Liberty-Phoenix
26	Agua Fria-White Tanks-Orme
27	Liberty-Sundance
28	Liberty-Lone Butte
29	Phoenix-Test Track
30	Coolidge-Sundance #1
31	Coolidge-Sundance #2
32	Coolidge-Electrical District 2
33	Coolidge-Electrical District 1
34	Santa Rosa-Pinal Central
35	Test Track-Saguaro
36	Mancopa-Test Track
37	Koia-Gila-Welton
38	Electrical District 2-Electrical District 4
39	Electrical District 3-Test Track
40	Gila-Knob
41	Dome Tap-Welton Mohawk Ligura
42	Welton Mohawk-Welton Mohawk #1
43	Gila-Yuma Tap
44	Electrical District 4-Saguaro
45	Gila-Welton Mohawk
46	Welton Mohawk-Welton Mohawk #3
47	Electrical District 5-Saguaro #1
48	Saguaro-Oracle
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**Parker-Davis Transmission System  
Programmatic Operation and Maintenance and  
Integrated Vegetation Management Project**

**Figure 1 - I Parker-Davis System Overview Map**

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**Aspen**  
Environmental Group

Checklist for Categorical Exclusion Determination, revised Nov. 2011

Application of Categorical Exclusions (1021.410)	Disagree	Agree	Unknown
(b)(1) The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in appendix A or B to subpart D.		X	
(b)(2) There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal, including, but not limited to, scientific controversy about the environmental effects of the proposal; uncertain effects or effects involving unique or unknown risks; and unresolved conflicts concerning alternate uses of available resources		X	
(b)(3) The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. Segmentation can occur when a proposal is broken down into small parts in order to avoid the appearance of significance of the total action. The scope of a proposal must include the consideration of connected and cumulative actions, that is, the proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or § 1021.211 of this part concerning limitations on actions during EIS preparation.		X	
<b>B. Conditions that are Integral Elements of the Classes of Actions in Appendix B. :</b>	NO	YES	UNKNOWN
(1) Threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders.	X		
(2) Require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities;	X		
(3) 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;	X		
(4) Have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources. An environmentally sensitive resource is typically a resource that has been identified as needing protection through Executive Order, statute, or regulation by Federal, state, or local government, or a federally recognized Indian tribe. An action may be categorically excluded if, although sensitive resources are present, the action would not have the potential to cause significant impacts on those resources (such as construction of a building with its foundation well above a sole-source aquifer or upland surface soil removal on a site that has wetlands). Environmentally sensitive resources include, but are not limited to:	X		

(i)	Property (such as sites, buildings, structures, and objects) of historic, archaeological, or architectural significance designated by a Federal, state, or local government, or property determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places;	X		
(ii)	Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their habitat (including critical habitat) or Federally- proposed or candidate species or their habitat (Endangered Species Act); state-listed or state-proposed endangered or threatened species or their habitat; Federally-protected marine mammals and Essential Fish Habitat (Marine Mammal Protection Act; Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act); and otherwise Federally-protected species (such as under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act or the Migratory Bird Treaty Act);	X		
(iii)	Floodplains and wetlands (as defined in 10 CFR 1022.4, —Compliance with Floodplain and Wetland Environmental Review Requirements: “Definitions,” or its successor);	X		
(iv)	Areas having a special designation such as Federally- and state-designated wilderness areas, national parks, national monuments, national natural landmarks, wild and scenic rivers, state and Federal wildlife refuges, scenic areas (such as National Scenic and Historic Trails or National Scenic Areas), and marine sanctuaries;	X		
(v)	Prime or unique farmland, or other farmland of statewide or local importance, as defined at 7 CFR 658.2(a), —Farmland Protection Policy Act: Definitions,   or its successor;	X		
(vi)	Special sources of water (such as sole-source aquifers, wellhead protection areas, and other water sources that are vital in a region); and	X		
(vii)	Tundra, coral reefs, or rain forests.; or	X		
(5)	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.	X		