

**WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION
CRSP MC**

Categorical Exclusion Determination

Proposed Action Title: 2025 Power Marketing Plan for the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects (SLCA/IP).

Program or Field Office: CRSP MC

Location(s): The SLCA/IP marketing area includes parts of the states of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada and Arizona

Description of Proposed Action: WAPA proposes to market SLCA/IP electrical power under firm electric service contracts to eligible electric service providers in the SLCA/IP market are for a 40-year contract term beginning in fiscal year 2025. WAPA proposes to market SLCA/IP power under a marketing plan that is based on the existing marketing plan. Existing SLCA/IP firm electric service contract expire on September 30, 2024.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021 B4.1

B4.1 Contracts, policies, and marketing and allocation plans for electric power

Establishment and implementation of contracts, policies, and marketing and allocation plans related to electric power acquisition that involve only the use of the existing transmission system and existing generation resources operating within their normal operating limits.

X 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.

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

X 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:

S. Clayton Palmer

Date Determined:

October 4, 2016