

Categorical Exclusion Determination

Bonneville Power Administration

Department of Energy



Proposed Action: Acquisition of Sprint Communications Company's (Sprint) Commercial Fiber Facilities at the Reston Substation

Project No.: F0039

Project Manager: James Hall, TPC-TPP-4

Location: Douglas County, OR

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.24 Property transfers

Description of the Proposed Action: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) proposes to acquire the Sprint-owned commercial fiber regeneration building, generator building, generator and interconnecting underground conduits and fiber optic cables, hereinafter referred to as Facilities. The facilities are located at BPA's Reston Substation, near Roseburg, Oregon.

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.

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Date: July 26, 2017

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 site is at the BPA Reston Substation, located in Douglas County, Oregon. The facilities are located on BPA fee-owned property, southeast of the substation’s chain link fence.

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> There would be no effect due to the acquisition of Sprint’s facilities. No Section 106 consultation necessary.		
2. Geology and Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> Acquisition of facilities only – no ground disturbance or change in use		
3. Plants (including federal/state special-status species)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> Acquisition of facilities only – no ground disturbance or change in use		
4. Wildlife (including federal/state special-status species and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> Acquisition of facilities only – no ground disturbance or change in use		
5. Water Bodies, Floodplains, and Fish (including federal/state special-status species and ESUs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> Acquisition of facilities only – no ground disturbance or change in use		
6. Wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> Acquisition of facilities only – no ground disturbance or change in use		

7. **Groundwater and Aquifers**

Explanation: Acquisition of facilities only – no ground disturbance or change in use

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

Explanation: Acquisition of facilities only – no ground disturbance or change in use

9. **Visual Quality**

Explanation: Acquisition of facilities only – no ground disturbance or change in use

10. **Air Quality**

Explanation: Acquisition of facilities only – no ground disturbance or change in use

11. **Noise**

Explanation: Acquisition of facilities only – no ground disturbance or change in use

12. **Human Health and Safety**

Explanation: Acquisition of facilities only – no ground disturbance or change in use

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 coordinated with Sprint on the acquisition of its facilities.

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

Signed: /s/ Becky Hill

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