

memorandum

DATE: December 26, 2013

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Joan Kendall
Project Manager – TERR-3

Proposed Action: Equipment and Property Transfers with Three Public Utilities in Oregon, Idaho and Washington

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

Location: Columbia County, Oregon; The City of Bonner's Ferry, Idaho; Pierce County, Washington

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes the following purchase and sales:

- **Columbia County, Oregon** - BPA would purchase two disconnect switches located at Goble Tap near Structure 13/7 in BPA's St. Helens-Allston No.1 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Columbia County, Oregon. The Columbia River People's Utility District currently owns the switches and pays BPA to operate and maintain them. The switches are the only non-BPA owned equipment along the St. Helens-Allston transmission line.
- **Bonner's Ferry, Idaho** - BPA would sell the equipment listed below to the City of Bonners Ferry, Idaho. The equipment is located in the City's Moyie Substation.
 - Three 96-kV surge arresters
 - Three 12-kV surge arresters
 - Three 11-5kV potential transformers
 - 1,270 linear feet of 600 volt outdoor cable and control wire
- **Elbe Tap Meter house** - BPA would sell the meter house (Building Z1025) located near structure 2/6 on BPA's Elbe Tap 115-kV transmission line in Alder, Pierce County, Washington. to Tacoma Power. The meter house contains metering equipment that BPA used to capture Alder's load, however, the metering equipment is currently inactive. BPA would remove the metering equipment before the sale to Tacoma Power. Tacoma Power plans to use the meter house to arrange emergency service to serve the Alder Lake Campground if their 12.5-kV distribution line fails.

Findings: BPA has determined that the proposed actions comply 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.

These proposed actions meet the requirements for the Categorical Exclusion referenced above. We therefore determine that the proposed actions may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

/s/ Justin T. Moffett
Justin T. Moffett
Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

/s/ Katherine S. Pierce
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NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachment(s):
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: Equipment and Property Transfers with Three Public Utilities in Oregon, Idaho and Washington

Work Order #: 00347873 (Goble Tap), 00298065 (Moyie), 00347137 (Elbe Tap)

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.

<u>Environmental Resources</u>	<u>No Potential for Significance</u>	<u>No Potential, with Conditions (describe)</u>
1. Historic Properties and Cultural Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Areas of special designation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Health & safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Recognized Environmental Conditions identified at any of the three property transfer locations.		
6. Prime or unique farmlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Other (describe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: /s/ Justin Moffett

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