## **Bonneville Power Administration**

## memorandum

DATE: June 25, 2013

REPLY TO ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

то: Toni L. Timberman

Project Manager – TSE-TPP-2

**Proposed Action:** Harbour Pointe Small Generator Integration

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.7 Electronic

Equipment

Location: Mukilteo, Snohomish County, Washington

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to integrate UniEnergy Technologies' (UET) 1.5-megawatt battery generation project into BPA's balancing authority (BA) in response to a UET small generator interconnection request. The proposed point of interconnection is at Snohomish Public Utility District's (SnoPUD) Harbour Pointe Substation. In order to integrate the proposed generation, BPA and SnoPUD would enter into a letter agreement stating that SnoPUD would install, test, calibrate, and energize a single generation dedicated revenue meter at UET's generation site. Under this letter agreement, the meter and associated equipment would be owned and maintained by SnoPUD. However, SnoPUD would provide BPA access to the meter to monitor the generation output from UET.

**Findings:** BPA has determined that the proposed action complies 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 <u>not</u> (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.

This proposed action meets the requirements for the Categorical Exclusion referenced above. We therefore determine that the proposed action may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

Date: June 26, 2013

/s/ Gene Lynard for Justin T. Moffett Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

<u>/s/ Katherine S. Pierce</u> Katherine S. Pierce

NEPA Compliance Officer

Attachment(s):

**Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions** 

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Signed: <u>/s/ Gene Lynard for</u> Justin T. Moffett KEC-4 Date: *June 25, 2013*