U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

Project Title: Mashantucket Pequot Tribe Technical Consulting Services

Location: Connecticut Mashantucket Pequot Tribe of CT

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

The tribe would retain a consultant to undertake “Screening and Fatal Flaws Studies” on tribal lands to identify potential sites for commercial wind projects to determine if adequate sustained winds exist to support the future installation of a 1.5 to 2 MW wind turbine on tribal lands. The scope of the study is outlined in the April 16, 2009 proposal from CADMUS Group, Inc. to the tribe. If installed, the turbine would be intended to be connected to the existing power grid on the reservation which serves over 120 tribal member homes on trust lands and several Tribal buildings, including: the Community Center, Tribal offices, post office, Pharmacy, Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, Public Safety Building, and the Public Works complex.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X- A1 - Routine administrative/financial/personnel actions

X- A9 - Information gathering/data analysis/document preparation/dissemination

X- A11 - Technical advice and assistance to organizations

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21 Click Here

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning 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: Jane Summerson Date Determined: Dec 7, 2009

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