

memorandum

DATE: September 7, 2011

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Timothy Wicks
Realty Specialist – TERR-Covington

Proposed Action: Grant the Olympic Pipeline Company permission to upgrade an existing fence along the northern property line of Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) South Tacoma Substation to enhance security.

PP&A Project No.: PP&A-2054

Budget Information: N/A

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.11 Fencing, no adverse effect on wildlife movement/surface water flow. Installation of fencing, including that for border marking that will not adversely affect wildlife movements or surface water flow.

Location: S36 T9N R3E WM, in Pierce County, Washington. BPA Parcel #STAC-SS-SY

Proposed by: BPA

Description of the Proposed Action: Due to recent break-ins at their Tacoma Pump Station, the Olympic Pipeline Company has requested permission to replace two sections of existing barbed wire fence that tie into the Olympic entrance gate and that run parallel to 180th Street along the northern property line for the BPA South Tacoma Substation parcel. Olympic would replace the existing barbed wire fencing, owned by BPA, with 6-foot galvanized chain link fencing on either side of the existing entrance gate. The total project consists of installation of 150 feet of chain link fencing in a previously disturbed area.

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, April 24, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 36221-36243, July 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996). 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 action with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impact [40 C.F.R. 1508(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 release, or (iv) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources. The proposal will not affect any listed threatened or endangered species, or critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act, or Essential Fish Habitat under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, or historic properties under the National Historic Preservation Act.

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.

/s/ Joseph C. Sharpe, for:

Elaine Stratton
Environmental Protection Specialist

Concur: /s/ Katherine S. Pierce
Katherine S. Pierce
NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachment:
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Name of Proposed Project: Olympic Pipeline Company Fence Replacement at South Tacoma Substation

Work Order #: N/A **PP&A Project No.:** 2054

Prepared by: E. Stratton **Routing:** KEP- AMPN-2 **Date:** 9/2/2011

This project has been found to not adversely affect the following environmentally sensitive resources, laws, and regulations:

Environmental Resources	No Adverse Effect	No Adverse Effect with conditions
1. Cultural Resources In the unlikely event that archaeological material is encountered during the implementation of this project, a BPA archaeologist will immediately be notified and work halted in the vicinity of the finds until they can be inspected and assessed. Washington DAHP and the appropriate tribes will be notified of any future findings.	<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"/>
6. Prime agricultural lands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Consistency with state and local laws and regulations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Pollution control at Federal facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

List supporting documentation attached (if needed):