

# memorandum

DATE: October 1, 2012

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Mark Miller  
Account Executive, Long-term Sales and Purchases – PTL-5

**Proposed Action:** Amendment Number 2 to the Port Townsend Paper Corporation Power Sales Agreement

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):** A2 – Clarifying or administrative contract actions

**Location:** Portland, OR and Port Townsend, WA

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

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA proposes to amend the 2011 Firm Power Sales Agreement with Port Townsend Paper Corporation to extend the original duration through September 30, 2022.

**Findings:** Amending the Agreement with Port Townsend Paper Corporation would involve extending service under an existing power sales contract to a facility (in Port Townsend, WA) that is already in existence and currently operating. This Amendment would further extend this service provided under the initial term of the original Agreement nine years beyond its current contract end date until September 30, 2022. Under this Amendment, BPA expects to provide power from existing generation sources that would continue to operate within their normal operating limits. Accordingly, the Amendment is administrative in nature and would not be expected to result in reasonably foreseeable environmental effects.

BPA has determined that the proposed action complies with Section 1021.410 and Appendix A 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.

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/ Jeffrey J. Maslow

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Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

/s/ Katherine S. Pierce

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NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachment:

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

## Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

**Name of Proposed Project:** Amendment Number 2 to the Port Townsend Paper Corporation Paper Sales Agreement

**Work Order #:** 00003863

**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"/>                        |
| 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 type="checkbox"/>             | <input type="checkbox"/>                        |

Signed: /s/ Jeffrey J. Maslow

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