RECORDS OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Vitol Inc.
Docket EA-370

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Vitol Inc. (Vitol) has applied to the Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability for an electricity export authorization which will allow it to export electricity to Canada pursuant to Section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act. Vitol is a Delaware corporation with its principle place of business in Houston, Texas. The international transmission facilities Vitol proposes to use to export electric energy are currently owned and operated by entities other than Vitol. Each of these facilities is existing and has previously been authorized by issuance of a Presidential permit. Each of the Presidential permits was issued after an appropriate level of NEPA review.

CX TO BE APPLIED: The elements identified above fit within the class listed in Appendix B to Subpart D, of Part 1021-Categorical exclusions applicable to specific agency actions. Specifically:

B4.2 Export of electric energy as provided by Section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act over existing transmission systems or using transmission systems that are themselves categorically excluded.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENT: The proposed action has previously been determined by DOE to not have a significant effect on the human environment either individually or cumulatively. Authorizing the proposed action will not (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health including DOE and/or Executive orders; (2) require siting of new facilities or expansion of existing facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants; or (4) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources.

DETERMINATION: Based on my review of the above information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class of actions, other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Signature: B Mills Date: Nov. 10, 2010

Brian Mills
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and Energy Reliability