



U.S. Department of Energy

Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title: Weleetka Substation Transformer Addition

Program or Field Office: Gore Field Office

Location(s) (City/County/State): Weleetka/Okfuskee/Oklahoma

Proposed Action Description:

Southwestern is proposing to add Transformer 2-200 MVA auto-transformer at the Weleetka Substation. The auto-transformer, two breakers, and six sets of disconnect switches will be installed. A new foundation was built in advance and was listed as a separate Categorical Exclusion. Heavy equipment to transport and install the transformer will be utilized. A-frame bus installations in the 161kV and 138kV yards, including the installation of 1590 MCM AAC jumper conductors from breaker terminals to associated disconnect switches. Installation of one precast concrete pull box in the 138kV yard and the tertiary switch structure and associated switch for Transformer 2. Also, the installation of both pad-mounted transformers for station service and removal of two existing sets of disconnect switches will be performed.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B4.6 – Additions and modifications to transmission facilities

For the DOE procedures regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see 10 CFR 1021.102 and Appendix B to [10 CFR Part 1021](#), and also Section 5.4 (Applying one or more categorical exclusions to a proposal) and Appendices B and C of [DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures](#) (June 30, 2025).

Requirements and guidance in 10 CFR 1021.102 and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures: (See full text in regulation and in Implementing Procedures)

- ☒ The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021 or Appendix B and C of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (June 30, 2025).
To fit within the classes of actions listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021, or Appendix B of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures, a proposal must satisfy the conditions that are integral elements of the classes of actions in Appendix B of both 10 CFR Part 1021 and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures.
- ☒ There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. DOE or an applicant may modify the proposal to avoid reasonably foreseeable adverse significant effects such that the categorical exclusion would apply.
- ☒ The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

[Note: For proposals that fit within the categorical exclusions listed in Appendix C of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures, see DOE's notice of adoption for the subject Appendix C categorical exclusion for additional considerations. DOE notices of adoption for other agency categorical exclusions may be found on [DOE's Section 109 webpage](#).]

Based on my review of the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer, I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other requirements and guidance set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer:

CYNTHIA SHORT

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