

United States Government

Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

DATE: January 6, 2010

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Claire Bingaman KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Gregory Vassallo
TPC-ALVEY

Proposed Action: New Revenue Meters at Central Lincoln's Florence and Berrydale Substations

Budget Information: Work Order # 00004866, Task 04

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B4.6 Additions or modifications to electric power transmission facilities that would not affect the environment beyond the previously developed facility...

Location: Lane County, Oregon

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action:

BPA plans to upgrade revenue metering at Central Lincoln People's Utility District's (Central Lincoln) Florence and Berrydale Substations to 115-kV. Bonneville will retire the 12.5-kV revenue metering at Central Lincoln's Florence, Berrydale, and Heceta Beach Substations once acceptance tests of the new 115-kV metering at Florence and Berrydale Substations are completed. All work will occur within existing substation facilities and will require no new ground disturbance.

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, Apr. 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 actions with potentially significant impacts, 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. 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 releases, or (iv) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources.

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.

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Concur:

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DATE: January 7, 2010