

United States Government

Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

DATE: May 5, 2010

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

to: Gordon Markley
Electrical Engineer – TCP-TPP-4

Proposed Action: Design, purchase materials, and construct a guyed stub pole to accommodate the David Hill Road Extension Project across the street from BPA's structure 14/2 on the Keeler-Tillamook #1 transmission line.

PP&A Project Number: 1648

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):

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B4.13 Reconstruction (upgrading or rebuilding) and/or minor relocation of existing electric power lines approximately 20 miles in length or less to enhance environmental and land use values. **Such actions include relocations to** avoid right-of-way encroachments, resolve conflict with property development, **accommodate road/highway construction**, allow for the construction of facilities such as canals and pipelines, or reduce existing impacts to environmentally sensitive areas.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: Washington County, Oregon (Washington County) plans to extend David Hill Road, in the vicinity north of the town of Forest Grove, Oregon. Extension of the road will require the addition of a guyed stub pole to guy structures on BPA's Keeler-Tillamook #1, 115-kV transmission line (Project). Under a Reimbursable Agreement (Agreement), BPA will, at Washington County's expense, add a stub pole to guy structure 14/2 for this Project.

Findings: BPA has determined that the proposed action complies with Section 1021.410 and Appendix B, of Subpart D, of the Department of Energy (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (57 Fed. Reg. 1512.2, April 24, 1992). 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 un-permitted 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.

/s/ Philip W. Smith for
Elaine Stratton
Environmental Protection Specialist

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

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Attachments:
Effects Determination for T&E Species
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions
Environmental Requirements Memorandum

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Name of Proposed Project: Reimbursable Agreement No. 10TX-14716 David Hill Road Extension

Work Order #: _____ **PP&A Project No.:** 1648

Prepared by: Elaine Stratton **Routing:** KEP-AMPN-2 **Date:** 4/28/2010

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 Project will occur in disturbed road base	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) No Effect – none present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands Forested Wetland Area nearby. Avoid impacts to wetlands.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Areas of special designation None present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Health & safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Prime agricultural lands None identified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water None identified	<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 N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

List supporting documentation attached (if needed):

Environmental Requirements