

# memorandum

DATE: June 30, 2010

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Jim Semrau  
Project Manager – TELF-TPP-3

**Proposed Action:** Maintenance of access roads serving the Satsop-Aberdeen No. 2 and No. 3, and the Aberdeen Tap to South Elma-Cosmopolis transmission lines

**PP&A Project No.:** 1697

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):** B1.3 Routine maintenance activities...for structures, rights-of-way, infrastructures such as roads, equipment... routine maintenance activities, corrective...are required to maintain...infrastructures...in a condition suitable for a facility to be used for its designated purpose.

**Location:** The Project is located in Gray's Harbor County, Washington, between the towns of Aberdeen and Central Park, Washington. The Project is located in the following sections:

**Satsop-Aberdeen No. 2 (Structues 12/3 through 18/2)**

Township	Range	Sections
17 N	8 W	3,4,5,7,8,10
17 N	9 W	1,2,3,12
18 N	9 W	33,34

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

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA proposes to improve existing access roads serving the Satsop-Aberdeen No. 2 and No. 3, and the Aberdeen Tap to South Elma-Cosmopolis transmission lines. The project includes blading, rocking, and installing proper drainage for the existing access roads that are degraded with rutting, erosion, cut bank destabilization, and improper surface water drainage characteristics. All road maintenance will take place within the existing road prism.

The proposed action will allow safe and timely access to the transmission lines, which will help reduce outage times and maintain reliable power in the region. All work will be done in accordance with the National Electric Safety Code and BPA standards.

**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 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.

/s/ Philip W. Smith

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Manager, Regional and Technical Services

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:** Access Road Improvement for Satsop-Aberdeen No. 2 and No. 3, and the Aberdeen Tap to South Elma-Cosmopolis transmission lines

**Work Order #:** 256493                      **PP&A Project No.:** 1697

**Prepared by:** Phil Smith                      **Routing:** KEPR                      **Date:** 06/28/10

**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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the event that any archaeological material is encountered during construction, work will be halted in the vicinity of the find and the environmental lead will immediately be notified. Work will not resume until after the finds can be inspected and assessed.</li> </ul>		
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) ESA Effects Determination attached	<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 agricultural lands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water	<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>