

memorandum

DATE: July 12, 2010

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: John Brank
Project Manager – TPC-Olympia

Proposed Action: Installation of metering equipment at existing facilities for power scheduling.

Budget Information: Work order 00202861, Task 01

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 area...

Location: Lewis County, Washington

Proposed by: BPA

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to install meter equipment at multiple locations in Lewis County, Washington. The project is needed as Lewis county PUD plans to become a BPA Slice customer and needs to obtain meter data at 5 minute intervals. The acquisition of meter data at 5 minute intervals is required of BPA Slice customers to perform power scheduling. In order to provide this data, BPA needs to install meter equipment by January 1, 2011.

BPA is proposing to install metering equipment at BPA's Chehalis, Silver Creek, Paul, and Napavine substations and Lewis County's PUD Glenoma Substation and Packwood Hydro and Cowlitz Falls Hydro facilities. Proposed activities include installing pulse repeat relays and swing panels for mounting of Slice metering equipment. Metering equipment would be installed within existing buildings and no new ground disturbance would occur.

This project is scheduled to begin in August 2010.

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.

Based on the provisions identified on the attachment, this proposed action meets the requirements for the Categorical Exclusions referenced above. We therefore determine that the proposed action may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jennifer Stolz

Jennifer Stolz

Environmental Project Manager – KEC-4

Concur:

/s/ Katherine S. Pierce

Katherine S Pierce

NEPA Compliance Officer – KEC-4

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Attachment:

Environmental Checklist

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Name of Proposed Project: Metering installation at BPA substations for Lewis County PUD

Budget Number: Work order 00202861, Tasks 01

This project has been found to not adversely affect the following environmentally sensitive resources, laws, and regulations:

Environmental Resources	No	No with Provisions
1. Cultural Resources	X	
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s)	X	
3. Floodplains or wetlands	X	
4. Areas of special designation	X	
5. Health & safety	X	
6. Prime agricultural lands	X	
7. Special sources of water	X	
8. Consistency with state and local laws and regulations	X	
9. Pollution control at Federal facilities	X	

Signed: /s/ Jennifer Stolz

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