

memorandum

DATE: November 29, 2013

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-Alvey

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Steven Bailor
Project Manager – TELF-TPP-3

Proposed Action: Fence Replacement on the Latham Tap Transmission Line Corridor

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.3, Routine maintenance

Location: Lane County, OR

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA is proposing to replace a dilapidated fence located adjacent to the Latham Tap 115-kilovolt transmission line and an Oregon Department of Transportation highway right-of-way (Interstate 5). The project includes removal and disposal of the old posts and remaining fence material and installation of new posts (metal and wood) and fencing material. No gates will be installed as part of this project.

Site #	ROW Location	Description	Land Use
1	1/16 – 2/15	Remove existing fencing and posts. Install 5300' new fencing w/ posts	ODOT I-5 right-of-way

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 FR 15144, April 24, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 36221-36243, July 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996, 76 FR 63764, Nov. 14, 2011). 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, has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion, 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, (iv) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, or (v) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements.

Based on the provisions identified on the attachment, 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/ Benjamin Tilley

Benjamin Tilley

Natural Resource Specialist

Concur: /s/ Katherine S. Pierce

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NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachments:

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: Latham Tap Fence Installation

Work Order #: _____

This project does not have the potential to cause significant impacts on the following environmentally sensitive resources. See 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B for complete descriptions of the resources. This checklist is to be used as a summary – further discussion may be included in the Categorical Exclusion Memorandum.

<u>Environmental Resources</u>	<u>No Potential for Significance</u>	<u>No Potential, with Conditions (describe)</u>
1. Historic Properties and Cultural Resources No historic properties affected. Scope consists removal and installation of a fence. Post removal/installation will be done by hand...no mechanical auguring. If evidence of cultural resources is discovered, work will immediate cease and contact will be made with the BPA archaeologist and SHPO.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) No listed species or identified critical habitat within ½ mile of project area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands No floodplains or wetlands impacted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Areas of special designation Interstate 5 right-of-way	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Health & safety Fencing improves safety to separate highway from pasture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Prime or unique farmlands No prime or unique farmland impacted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water None.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Other (describe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

List supporting documentation attached (if needed):
Effects Determination for Threatened & Endangered
Species

Signed: /s/ Benjamin Tilley

Date: November 8, 2013

Benjamin Tilley, KEP-Alvey