

memorandum

DATE: September 24, 2014

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Christine M Kimball
Project Manager –TERR-3

Proposed Action: LURR 20140313 City of Vancouver Sewer Lateral

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B4.9 Multiple use of powerline rights-of-way.

Location: Vancouver, WA

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to approve land use review request 20140313, which would authorize the City of Vancouver to install approximately 625 feet of four inch and six inch pipe for sewer laterals in BPA fee-owned right-of-way. The laterals will be installed with a backhoe, to a depth of about four feet deep. The laterals would be located between structures 31/2 and 31/3 on BPA's North Bonneville-Ross No 1, 230-kilovolt transmission line.

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, 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/ Elizabeth Siping

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Reviewed by:

/s/ Gene Lynard

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Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist

Concur:

/s/ Katherine S. Pierce

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NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachment(s):

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Provisions

ATTACHMENT

PROVISIONS

This categorical exclusion will meet the following provisions:

BPA will include an inadvertent discovery plan in the project implementation plans and work crews will be notified of the plan. In the event that any archaeological or historic materials are encountered during project activities, the following actions should be taken:

- Stop work in the immediate vicinity and immediately notify the BPA environmental lead and cultural resource specialist. Notify interested tribes and the appropriate county, state, and federal agencies.
- Implement reasonable measures to protect the discovery site, including any appropriate stabilization or covering.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure the confidentiality of the discovery site and restrict access to the site of discovery.

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Name of Proposed Project: LURR 20140313 City of Vancouver Sewer Lateral

Work Order #: 184006

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.

Environmental Resources	No Potential for Significance	No Potential, with Conditions (describe)
1. Historic Properties and Cultural Resources Washington SHPO concurred with a Determination of No Historic Properties Affected on August 21, 2014 and requests that work be stopped, the area secured, and that any concerned tribes and SHPO be notified in the event that any archaeological or historical materials are discovered.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) Entire project area is in residential use with landscaping, driveways, and parking areas.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands No nearby waterways.	<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 or unique farmlands None in project area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Other (describe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: /s/ Elizabeth Siping

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