RECORDS OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Tenaska Power Services Co.
Docket EA-243-C

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Tenaska Power Services Co. (TPS or Applicant) has applied to the Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability for an electricity export authorization which will allow it to export electricity to Canada pursuant to Section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act. TPS is a Nebraska corporation and an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Tenaska Energy, Inc. TPS is authorized to do business in the state of Nebraska and such other states as required by the current nature of its business. TPS does not own or operate any transmission or distribution facilities and does not have a franchised service area. The Applicant proposes to use existing authorized international electric transmission facilities that are appropriate for open access by third parties. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties. The Presidential permit for these facilities was issued after an appropriate level of NEPA review.

CX TO BE APPLIED: The elements identified above fit within the class listed in Appendix B to Subpart D, of Part 1021-Categorical exclusions applicable to specific agency actions. Specifically:

B4.2 Export of electric energy as provided by Section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act over existing transmission systems or using transmission systems that are themselves categorically excluded.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENT: The proposed action has previously been determined by DOE to not have a significant effect on the human environment either individually or cumulatively. Authorizing the proposed action will not (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health including DOE and/or Executive orders; (2) require siting of new facilities or expansion of existing facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants; or (4) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources.

DETERMINATION: Based on my review of the above information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class of actions, other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Signature: B Mills Date: 01-31-2017

Brian Mills
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and Energy Reliability