

United States Government

Department of Energy

# memorandum

Bonneville Power Administration

DATE: December 31, 2012

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEPR-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Paul Fiedler – TPCV-TPP-4  
Supervisory Electrical Engineer

**Proposed Action:** Bertelsen Substation Metering Panel Segment Addition

**PP&A Project No:** 2546

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):** B1.7 Electronic Equipment

**Location:** Eugene, Oregon

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

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA and EWEB have developed a joint plan to add another BPA metering panel segment to the existing BPA Meter Rack at EWEB's Bertelsen Substation to meter the new EWEB Bertelsen-Seneca 115-kV tie line. BPA would design, fabricate, install, and test the new bidirectional meter panel segment to add to the existing BPA metering rack. BPA, at BPA's expense, will own, operate, and maintain the equipment and facilities installed. No ground disturbance or alteration to control house would occur.

**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. 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

Philip W. Smith  
Manager, Regional and Technical Services

Concur: /s/ Stacy Mason  
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NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachments:  
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions