

memorandum

DATE: October 27, 2010

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEPR-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Cynthia Rounds
Electrical Engineer – TPC-TPP-4

Proposed Action: Four Corners Intertie Separation Remedial Action Scheme Upgrade

PP&A Project No: 1810

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.3 Routine maintenance activities...for structures, rights-of-way, infrastructures such as roads, equipment... routine maintenance activities, corrective...are required to maintain...infrastructures...in a condition suitable for a facility to be used for its designed purpose... replace outmoded components.

Location: Farmington, New Mexico

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to replace the existing two RFL 6745 transfer trip units that receive the Four Corners Intertie Separation signals from Dittmer and Munro with two GE N60 universal relays at Arizona Public Service Company's (APS) Four Corners Substation. A third identical GE N60 unit would be used as maintenance spare. The upgrade is needed to the existing Northeast/Southeast Intertie Separation Remedial Action Scheme (RAS) equipment at APS's Four Corners Substation to ensure system reliability.

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 Fed. Reg. 1512.2, April 24, 1992). 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 un-permitted releases; or (iv) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources.

With the actions 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/ Philip W. Smith

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Manager, Regional and Technical Services

Concur: /s/ Katherine S. Pierce

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NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachment:

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: Four Corners Intertie Separation Remedial Action Scheme Upgrade

PP&A Project No.: 1810

Prepared by: P. Smith **Routing:** KEPR-4 **Date:** 10/16/2010

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

Environmental Resources	No Adverse Effect	No Adverse Effect with conditions
1. Cultural Resources Replaces existing equipment inside control house. No impacts to historical properties.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) Work occurs within substation control house. No effect on Threatened & Endangered species or habitats.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands	<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 agricultural lands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Consistency with state and local laws and regulations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Pollution control at Federal facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>