DATE: November 8, 2011

REPLY TO ATTN OF: KEP-AMPN-2

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Karen Francisco
Realty Specialist – TERR-Covington

**Proposed Action:** Grant T-Mobile Corporation (T-Mobile) a Land Use Agreement (LUA) across Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) fee-owned property to access an existing T-Mobile site located adjacent to the Covington Substation.

**PP&A Project No.:** PP&A 2150

**Budget Information:** N/A

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

**Location:** Section 35, 36, Township 22 N, Range 5E, King County, WA

**Proposed by:** BPA and T-Mobile Corporation

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA proposes to grant an LUA to T-Mobile for the routing of approximately 800 feet of new powerline and telecommunications line in existing conduits, from the intersection of Covington Sawyer Road and 166th Street to the Tacoma-Raver No. 1 and No. 2 transmission lines at tower 15/5. The project crosses BPA fee-owned tracts: COVI-SS-PE; PH; PK; PM. In addition, T-Mobile would install an isolation transformer and transformer pad on the conduit run. The isolation device is a necessary safety improvement to prevent faults at the tower where existing T-Mobile equipment is located. All work would be completed by authorized T-Mobile contractors.

**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, April 24, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 36221-36243, July 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996). 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 action with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impact [40 C.F.R. 1508(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 release, or (iv) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources. The proposal will not affect any listed threatened or endangered species, or critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act, or Essential Fish Habitat under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, or historic properties under the National Historic Preservation Act.

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/ Joseph C. Sharpe, for:
Elaine Stratton
Environmental Protection Specialist

Concur: /s/ Rick Yarde, for: Date: November 8, 2011
Katherine S. Pierce
NEPA Compliance Officer

Attachment:
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions
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Name of Proposed Project: Covington Substation T-Mobile Fiber Project

Work Order #: N/A

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

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List supporting documentation attached (if needed):
No supporting documentation attached