DATE: March 6, 2012
REPLY TO ATTN OF: KEPR-4
SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Monica Stafflund
    Realty Specialist – TERR-CHEMAWA

**Proposed Action:** Pearl-Marion No.1 Access Road Easement Acquisition

**PP&A Project No.:** WO# 00296634, Task 5

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):** B1.24 Property Transfers

**Location:** Aurora, Clackamas County, Oregon
    Township 3 South, Range 1 East, Section 19

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

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA proposes to acquire an easement for an approximately five-foot long section of existing access road between the end of NE Eilers Road and an existing BPA transmission line right-of-way access gate in Aurora, Oregon. The existing gravel road is used for access to several towers on the Pearl-Marion No. 1 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.
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, for:
Makary A. Hutson
Environmental Project Manager

Concur: /s/ Stacy Mason Date: March 6, 2012
Stacy Mason
NEPA Compliance Officer

Attachment:
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions
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Name of Proposed Project:  Pearl-Marion No.1 Access Road Easement Acquisition

Work Order #:  00296634

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.

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<td>8. Other – None</td>
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List supporting documentation attached (if needed):

Signed:  /s/ Philip W. Smith, for Makary A. Hutson  Date:  March 5, 2012