DATE: December 2, 2011

REPLY TO ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: James Hall
    Project Manager - TPC-TPP-4

**Proposed Action:** Integration of the Farm Power Tillamook Generating Facility

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

**Location:** Tillamook County, Oregon

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

**Description of the Proposed Action:** In response to Farm Power Tillamook’s small generator interconnection request, BPA is planning to integrate their 0.995-MW biomass generation project into its balancing authority (BA). The proposed point of interconnection is at the Wilson River Substation owned by Tillamook Public Utility District. In order to integrate the proposed generation, BPA would install, test, calibrate, and energize a BPA JEMSTAR meter for revenue metering at Farm Power Tillamook’s generation site. The meter and associated equipment would be owned and maintained by BPA. Telecommunication and transformers needed in association with the meter would be provided, installed, and maintained by Farm Power Tillamook and Tillamook Public Utility District, respectively.

**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/ Kara Hempy-Mayer_
Kara Hempy-Mayer
Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

_/s/ Rick Yarde_ Date: _December 2, 2011_
Rick Yarde
NEPA Compliance Officer

Attachment:
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Name of Proposed Project:  Integration of the Farm Power Tillamook Generating Facility

Work Order #:  257284

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 (describe)</td>
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List supporting documentation attached (if needed):

Signed:  /s/ Kara Hempy-Mayer           Date:  December 2, 2011