Environmental Clearance Memorandum

DATE:       June 12, 2012

REPLY TO:   KEC-4

ATTN OF:    KEWU-4

SUBJECT:    Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO:         Jay Marcotte
            Project Manager KEWU-4

Proposed Action: Natapoc Property Funding

Fish and Wildlife Project No.: 2009-003-00

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.25 Transfer, lease, disposition, or acquisition of interests in land and associated buildings for cultural resources protection, habitat preservation, or fish and wildlife management provided that there would be no potential for release of substances at a level, or in a form, that could pose a threat to public health or the environment.

Location:    Chelan County, WA

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA is proposing to fund the purchase of 155.45 acres in Chelan County, Washington for the purpose of implementing salmonid habitat improvements and habitat conservation. The Natapoc land acquisition is a joint effort between the Yakama Nation Upper Columbia Habitat Restoration Project and the Yakama Nation Mid-Colombia Coho Restoration Project. The property will be purchased with funds dedicated to the Yakama Nation through the historic 2008 Columbia Basin Fish Accords that established a partnership among federal agencies, tribes, and states to implement protective actions for fish. Following the acquisition of the property, BPA will receive a conservation easement to ensure the habitat is protected forever.

The Yakama Nation will complete a management plan that identifies restoration activities and future productive uses allowed to occur on the property and will provide an opportunity for public review and comment on the plan once it has been drafted. BPA will review and must approve the plan before it is implemented.

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/ Ted Gresh
Ted Gresh
Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

/s/ Katherine S. Pierce Date: June 12, 2012
Katherine S. Pierce
NEPA Compliance Officer

Attachment:
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions
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**Name of Proposed Project:** Natapoc Property Acquisition  

**Work Order #:** BPA-006207  

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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Signed: /s/ Ted Gresh  
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