DATE: May 23, 2012

REPLY TO ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Mark Miller
Account Executive, Long Term Sales and Purchases, PTL-5

**Proposed Action**: Amendment to Firm Power Sales Agreement with Port Townsend Paper Corporation

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021)**: A2 – Clarifying or administrative contract actions

**Location**: Portland, OR and Port Townsend, WA

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

**Description of the Proposed Action**: BPA proposes to amend the Firm Power Sales Agreement (Agreement) with Port Townsend Paper Corporation (PTPC) to: (1) include a definition and quantity of Wheel Turning Load (WTL) in the amount of 4.982 aMWs; and (2) reduce PTPC’s Contract Demand and Minimum Demand in the event that the Jefferson Public Utility Distric provides service to some or all of PTPC’s WTL.

**Findings**: Amending the Agreement with the Port Townsend Paper Corporation is primarily intended to provide greater clarity concerning the amount of PTPC’s WTL and reflect Jefferson PUD’s potential role in serving PTPC’s WTL. These Agreement changes are administrative in nature and would not be expected to result in reasonably foreseeable environmental effects.

BPA has determined that the proposed action complies with Section 1021.410 and Appendix A 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.
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/ Jeffrey J. Maslow
Jeffrey J. Maslow
Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

/s/ Katherine S. Pierce          Date:  May 23, 2012
Katherine S. Pierce
NEPA Compliance Officer

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

**Name of Proposed Project:** Amendment to Firm Power Sales Agreement with Port Townsend Paper Corporation

**Work Order #:** 00003863

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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List supporting documentation attached (if needed):

Signed: /s/ Jeffrey J. Maslow  Date: May 23, 2012