

Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

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Case File/Project Number: NVN 092278

NEPA NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2013-0035-DNA

Project Name: V&T Railroad Eastgate Station power line

Applicant Name: Sierra Pacific Power Company dba NVEnergy

Project Location:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 16 N., R. 20 E. Sec. 36. Carson City County.

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures:

NV Energy is proposing to construct a 14.4kv single phase aerial distribution power line originating from an existing aerial distribution line located on private property east of Highway U.S. 50 within an existing Public Utility easement at 7729 Hwy 50 East, Carson City, Nevada and terminating at the Nevada Commission for the reconstruction of the V&T Railway's Eastgate Siding Ticket Office. This line is needed to provide reliable electric power to ticket office and serve passenger loading facilities and parking area at this location This new electric power facility will replace the existing propane fired generator and will supplement the existing solar parking area lighting at this location.

The proposed right-of-way (ROW) is located within the west half of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of section 36, Township 16 North, Range 20 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Carson City, Nevada. A legal description and a map depicting the proposed ROW are included in the Plan of Development provided by NV Energy. The ROW as proposed is 25-foot wide, is 496 -feet in length, and contains 12,402 square feet or 0.28 acres more or less.

The portion of the project to be situated on public lands and administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will consist of 2 poles with overhead lines. Poles will be set in approximately 2 to 3-foot diameter holes that will be 5 to 8-feet deep. Guy wires will be used at the angle pole to offset changes in wire tension and also on dead end poles. The poles will be placed into holes and supported with native or imported material as backfill.

Distribution conductors are generally half an inch in diameter and are supported by wood poles and a ridge pin and insulator in a streamline/vertical configuration approximately 40 feet tall. Minimum conductor ground clearance will be 22 feet. All of the poles will be electrically grounded through the use of copper ground wires buried in the pole excavation. The line will meet or exceed the requirements of the National Electric Safety Code and meet the guidelines set-forth in the Edison Electric Institute Suggested Practices for Avian Protection.

The existing analysis remains valid, and it can reasonably be concluded that new circumstances do not influence the negligible impact to constructing an overhead electric line on public lands.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Yes.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

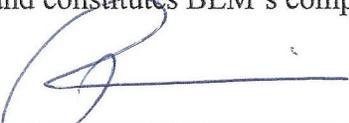
Yes. The proposed action is supported by the city of Carson City as well as said public lands will be conveyed to the city of Carson City in accordance with Section 2601 (d) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-11). The BLM provided 30-days public comment from October 2 to November 1, 2011 and received no comments.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

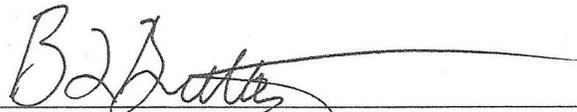
<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
Rachel Crews 	Archaeologist	BLM
Brian Buttazoni	NEPA Compliance	BLM

Note: Refer to the EA for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

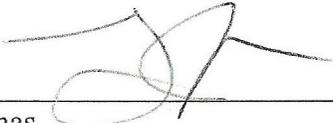
Conclusion: Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.



Signature of Project Lead



Signature of NEPA Coordinator



Leon Thomas
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Please refer to the overall plan, legal description/map and detail drawings for the proposed facility as provided by NV Energy in the attached Plan of Development.

Is the project located within preliminary general habitat for sage-grouse? Yes X No

Is the project located within preliminary priority habitat for sage-grouse? Yes X No

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

List any applicable LUPs and their dates.

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

Consolidated Resource Management Plan (May 2001): LND-7, #6: "Exchanges and minor non-Bureau initiated realty proposals will be considered where analysis indicates they are beneficial to the public."

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

Environmental Assessment FHWA-NV-EA 03.03 (April, 2003) and Supplemental Environmental Assessment FHWA-NV-EA 10.01 (September, 2011) for BLM case file number NVN 060556.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Yes, the proposed action is within and a feature of the originally proposed action.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Yes. The proposed electric service to the interim Eastgate Station was analyzed under the supplemental EA FHWA-NV-EA 10.01 (September, 2011).

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, range- land health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Date 8/28/13

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.