

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Project Creator: Matt Simons, Realty Specialist

Field Office: Stillwater Field Office

Lead Office: Stillwater Field Office

Case File/Project Number: NVN-75409

Applicable Categorical Exclusion: H-1790-1, Appendix 4 E(17)

“Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of compatibly developed rights-of-way.”

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2013-0052-CX

Project Name: Electrical Service to Nye County Wells (Gabbs).

Project Description: Short buried power line to serve the pump house for the new Town of Gabbs water well. The proposed power line would tie in with the existing Sierra Pacific Power Company (NV Energy) overhead power line, authorized under BLM right-of-way (ROW) serial no.: NVN-75409, which serves the existing community water well to the northeast. Three 25 kVA transformers would be attached to the nearest pole (approximately 60 feet to the north). Electrical cables would run down the pole in a 3-inch conduit and underground to the building. The trench for the buried portion would be within the existing overhead power line ROW held by NV Energy and the ROW granted to Nye County Department of Public Services for the well pad facility (pad, road, and pipeline). No new disturbance would be created by the proposed power line.

NVN-75409 would be amended to authorize the additional 60-feet of buried power line within a 25-foot ROW width. The term of the authorization would coincide with the term of the existing ROW, which expires on December 31, 2031.

Applicant Name: Sierra Pacific Power Company (NV Energy).

Project Location: MDM, T. 12 N., R. 36 E., Section 16: NE¼NW¼ (within).

BLM Acres for the Project Area: Approximately .034 acres, more-or-less.

Land Use Plan Conformance:

Administrative Actions #6, page LND-7: “Exchanges and minor non-Bureau initiated realty proposals will be considered where analysis indicates they are beneficial to the public.”

Name of Plan: Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001)

Screening of Extraordinary Circumstances: The following extraordinary circumstances apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (43 CFR 46.215). The BLM has considered the following criteria: (Specialist review: initial in appropriate box)

<i>If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.</i>	YES	NO
1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety? (Range)		JD
2. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (EO 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas? (Archeology, Recreation, Wilderness, Wildlife, Range by allotment, Water Quality)		JW CK JW
3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]? (PEC)		JW
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (PEC)		JW
5. Would the Proposed Action establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects? (PEC)		JW
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (PEC)		JW
7. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the NRHP as determined by the bureau or office? (Archeology)		JW
8. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the list of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species? (Wildlife)		CK
9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (PEC and Archeology)		JW JW JW
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? (PEC)		JW
11. Would the Proposed Action limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007)? (Archeology)		JW
12. Would the Proposed Action contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112)? (Range)		JD

SPECIALISTS' REVIEW:

During ID Team review of the above Proposed Action and extraordinary circumstances, the following specialists reviewed this CX:

- Planning Environmental Coordinator: Angelica Rose *ADD 9/16/13*
- Public Health and Safety/Noxious Weeds: Jill Devaurs *JD 9-16-13*
- Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC: Dan Westermeyer *DW 7/16/13*
- Archeology: Jason Wright *JRW 9/16/13*
- Wildlife: Chris Kula *CK 9/16/13*
- Soils/Grazing: ~~Linda Appel/Chelsey Simerson~~/Jill Devaurs *JD 9-16-13*

CONCLUSION: Based upon the review of this Proposed Action, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the LUP, and does not require an EA or EIS. A categorical exclusion is not subject to protest or appeal.

Approved by:

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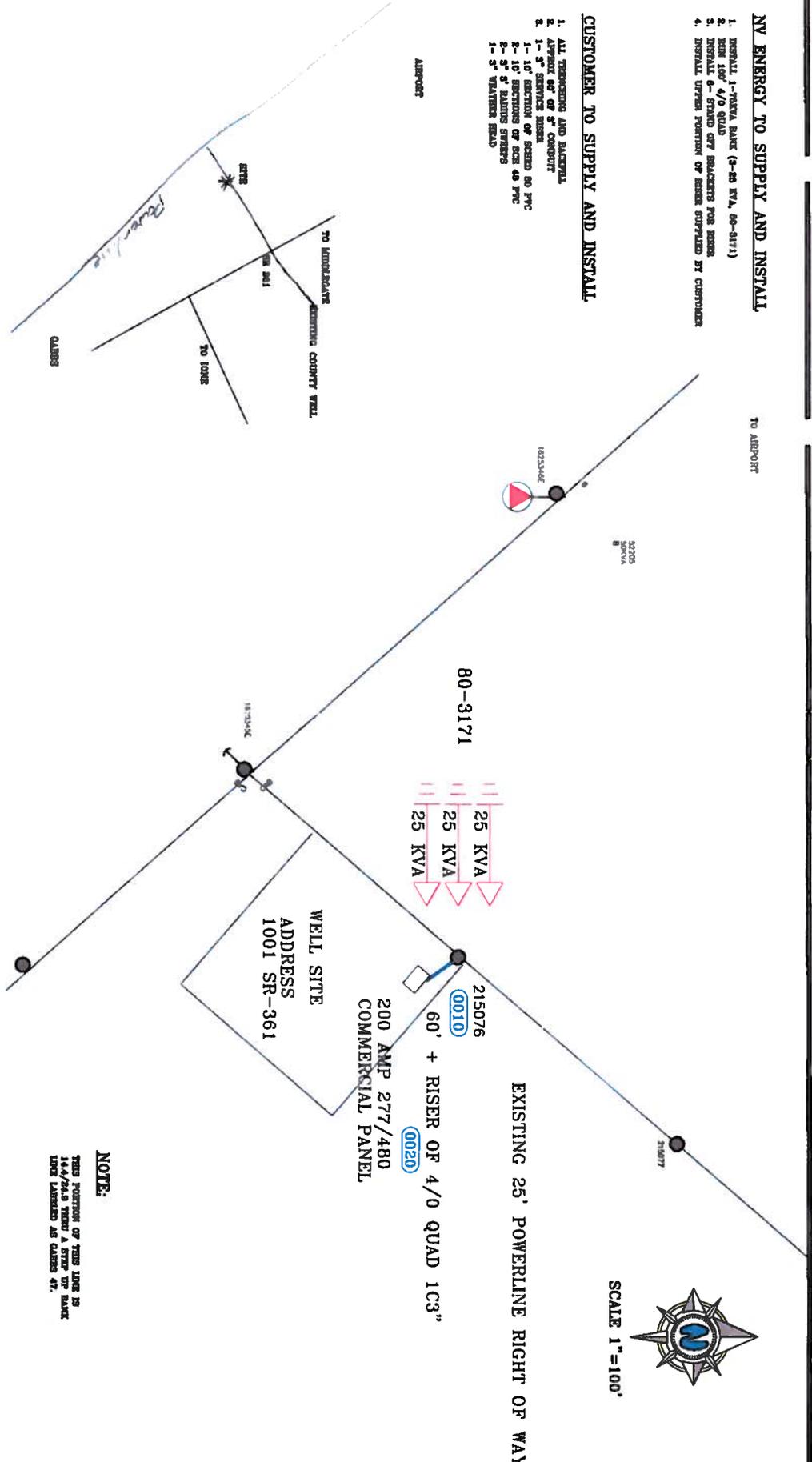
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6. 2-3" 5' PAINTED STEERS
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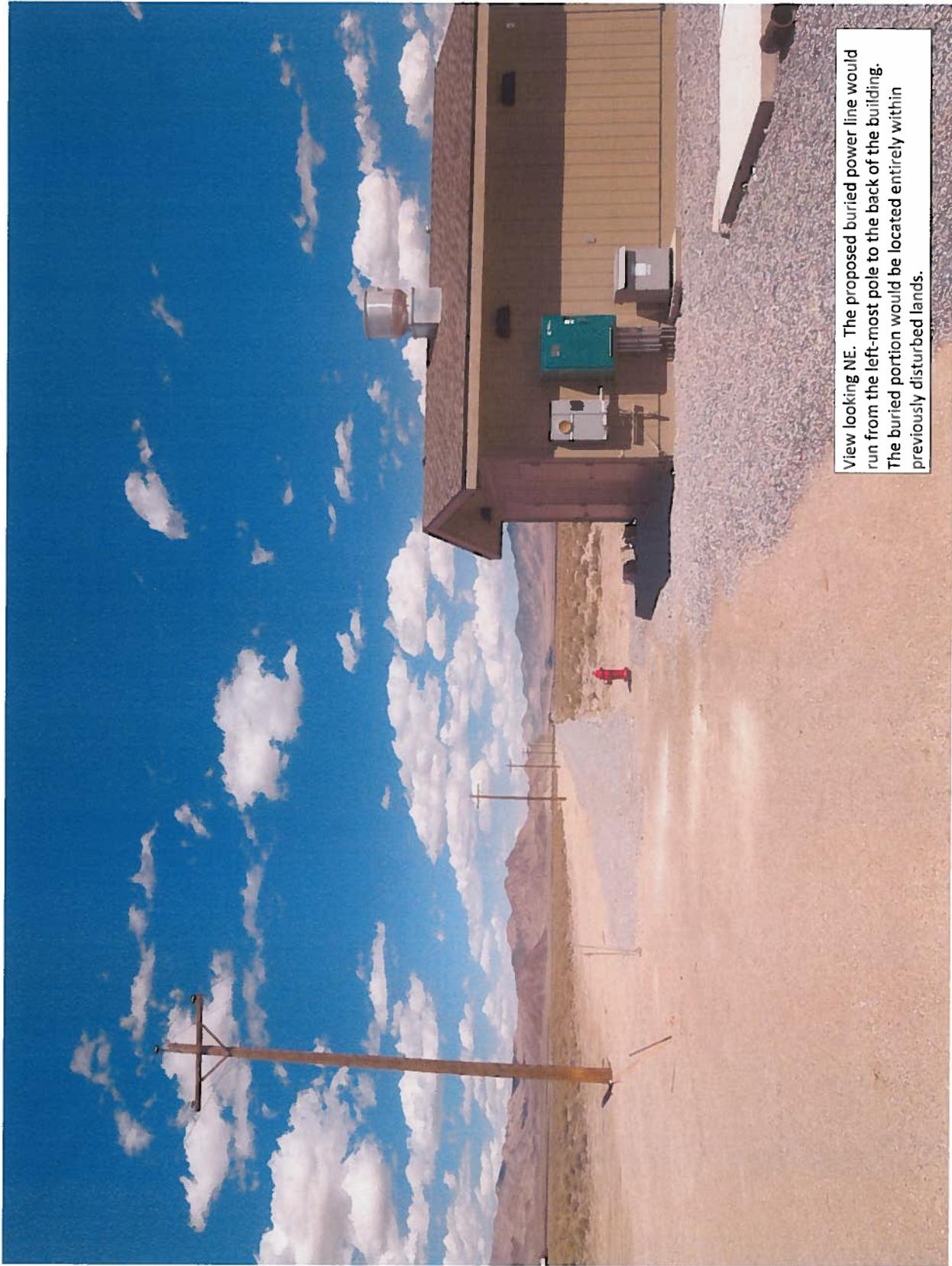
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View looking NE. The proposed buried power line would run from the left-most pole to the back of the building. The buried portion would be located entirely within previously disturbed lands.



View looking ENE. Electrical panel close up view. Despite showing the buried line running to the opposite side of the building, the electrical panel is on the west side.



View looking WNW. Opposite side of the building. The application shows the buried line running from the pole to this side of the building (arrow). Regardless of where line is placed, no new disturbance would be created.