

**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 059929

**NEPA Number:** DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2015-0009-DNA

**Project Name:** Sugarloaf Buried Line Right-of-Way Amendment

**Applicant Name:** Sierra Pacific Power Company, conducting business for NV Energy

**Project Location (County, Township/Range/Section[s]):** Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada,  
T. 16 N., R. 20 E., sec. 32, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Carson City County.

**A. Describe the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures:**

On September 16, 2014, Sierra Pacific Power Company, conducting business as NV Energy, requested to amend an existing Right-of-Way (ROW) grant NVN 059929 for new underground facilities that would provide electric service to an existing communications site, NVN 092125. The Proposed Action would result in an ROW amendment approximately 15 feet in width, 210 feet in length, and 0.07 acres. The Proposed Action would be located near an existing fence surrounding communications site NVN 058991 in Carson City County.

The Proposed Action would involve the installation of 210 feet of 25 kV underground service cable within three-inch conduit into a three-foot by five-foot deep underground trench. An N-36 secondary box would be installed at mid span of the new line and a 200-amp panel would be installed at the line's terminus. The Proposed Action would also include tying into a transformer located within an existing communications site, NVN 058991. After installation, the trench would be backfilled with soils that meet prescribed thermal properties and restored to pre-existing conditions. The Proposed Action would take seven days and involve approximately 10 personnel, support personnel, and heavy equipment. Access to the Proposed Action area would be achieved by using existing roads, overland travel, and existing disturbed areas. Post-installation, NV Energy would conduct inspections on a regular basis.

Use of this ROW amendment would be effective upon issuance by the BLM, subject to existing terms and conditions identified in the original ROW grant for NVN 059929. This amendment would be granted until the expiration of original ROW grant on July 31, 2025.

**B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance:**

The Proposed Action is in conformance within the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP sections:

Consolidated Resource Management Plan (May 2001): LND - "Administrative Actions," #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 (EA) No. NV-030-95040, *Sierra Pacific Power Company Power Line* (May 1995).

**D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

**1. Is the new Proposed Action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in existing NEPA document(s)? If 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, geographic, and resources condition are essentially similar to an alternative analyzed in EA No. NV-030-95040. The Proposed Action is within Carson City County, in similar resource communities, and directly adjacent to the area identified in the existing EA.

**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 range of alternatives analyzed in EA No. NV-030-95040 is appropriate with respect to the Proposed Action. The environmental concerns, interest, and resource values are the same as analyzed in the existing EA.

**3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of new information or circumstances (such as rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listing, updated lists of BLM sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude the new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new Proposed Action?**

Yes, the existing analysis is valid in light of current information and circumstances. There is no new information or circumstances that would change the analysis of the Proposed Action.

**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(s)?**

Yes, the effects that would result from implementation of the new Proposed Action are similar and consistent to those analyzed in the existing EA.

**5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the new Proposed Action?**

Yes, the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing EA is adequate for the new Proposed Action. At this time, there is no reason for further public involvement or other review.

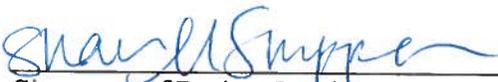
**E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted**

| <u>Name</u>     | <u>Title</u>                            | <u>Resource/Agency Represented</u> |
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| Brian Buttazoni | Planning & Environmental<br>Coordinator | BLM                                |

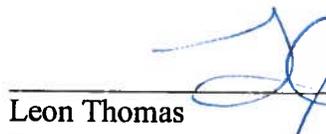
Note: refer to the NEPA document(s) for a complete list of team members that participated in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning document(s).

**Conclusion:** Based on the review documented above, I have concluded that this Proposed Action conforms to the LUP and that existing NEPA document(s) fully cover the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

Does this DNA constitute the decision document for this Proposed Action?  Yes  No (see ROW amendment grant).

  
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