



BLM - Elko, NV
Categorical Exclusion
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Title of Proposed Action: Renewal of NVN-038874, NV Energy's Dee Mining Overhead distribution line													
Lead Preparer: Marissa Murphy	NEPA ID No: BLM-NV- E0 20 (Tuscarora) - 2013- 0022 - CX												
Type of Action (Subject Code): Lands/Realty 1430	Case File No.: NVN-054670												
Applicant (if any): Sierra Pacific Power Co.	Proposal Date: 09/05/2014												
Location: <i>Elko and Eureka County, Nevada</i>													
Legal Description: MDM Please see attached serial register page for legal description.													
Township, Range, Section(s) (If more than one TRS, show on attachment)													
<p>A. Proposed Action</p> <p>NV Energy is proposing to renew their 60kV Dee Mining Co. Extension overhead distribution line. The original Right-of-Way (ROW) was granted in January 1984; it was amended to add a 24.9kV underbuild in 1996; in 1999 an additional single pole and guyline was added to this ROW. There will be no new construction or disturbance and the proponent is in compliance with the terms and conditions of their original Grant. Access is utilized through existing roads via Dunphy road and a small two track where the line deviates away from the Dunphy road. The total ROW is approximately 4.99 miles in length and 25 feet wide and contains approximately 15.121 acres of public land.</p> <p>Please see attached documents for more details.</p>													
<p>B. Land Use Plan Conformance</p> <p>This proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the selected applicable resource management plan(s) (RMP) and/or amendment(s) (43 CFR 1610.5: BLM Manual Section 1617.3):</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>TUSCARORA Field Office</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>WELLS Field Office</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Elko and Wells RMPs Fire Management Amendment (Approved 9/29/2004)</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elko RMP (Approved 3/11/1987)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Wells RMP (Approved 7/16/1985)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Elko RMP Wild Horse Amendment (Approved 10/15/2003)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Wells RMP Wild Horse Amendment (Approved 2/2/1993)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Wells RMP Elk Amendment (Approved 2/14/1993)</td> </tr> </table>		<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>TUSCARORA Field Office</u>	<u>WELLS Field Office</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Elko and Wells RMPs Fire Management Amendment (Approved 9/29/2004)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elko RMP (Approved 3/11/1987)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wells RMP (Approved 7/16/1985)		<input type="checkbox"/> Elko RMP Wild Horse Amendment (Approved 10/15/2003)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wells RMP Wild Horse Amendment (Approved 2/2/1993)			<input type="checkbox"/> Wells RMP Elk Amendment (Approved 2/14/1993)
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<p>C. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)</p> <p>This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion (CX) under the NEPA Manual (516 DM), and has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances apply. The applicable categorical exclusion is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> BLM Categorical Exclusion pursuant to 516 DM 11.9 E. Realty Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations. 													

D. Conclusion and Signature

Based upon this review. I have determined that the Proposed Action, as described, is in conformance with the land use plan and meets criteria for the selected CX. There is no potential for significant impacts. Therefore, the action is excluded from farther environmental analysis and documentation.

Managers Name **/s/ Richard E. Adams**

Title **Tuscarora Field Manager**

Date **5/3/2015**

*Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.

Screening for Extraordinary Circumstances

Each of the following questions must be answered negatively, by all resource specialists participating on the interdisciplinary team before this CX may be approved (516DM).

Resource Concerns		Yes	No
1. Will this project have significant adverse effects on public health or safety?			X
2. Will this project adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as: (a) historic or cultural resources; (b) park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers; (c) sole or principal drinking water aquifers; (d) prime farmlands, wetlands, flood plains, or (e) ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department of the Interior's National Register of Natural Landmarks?			(a) X (b) X (c) X (d) X (e) X
3. Will this project have highly controversial environmental effects?			X
4. Will this project have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?			X
5. Will this project establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?			X
6. Will this project be related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?			X
7. Will this project have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?			X
8. Will this project have adverse effects on species listed or proposed for listing on the Threatened or Endangered Species List, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?			X
9. Will this project require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?			X
10. Will this project threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?			X
11. Will this project 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? (Executive Order 13007— Sacred Sites)			X
12. Will this project 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?			X
Reviewers and Comments			
Resource	Specialist Name	Comment	Initials
AFM – Non-Renewables	Deb McFarlane	No Comments	
AFM – Renewables	\		
Air/Hydrology/Soils			
Archaeology			
Biologist Fisheries and/or Wildlife	Ken Wilkinson	Please see attached 8/13/2014 Memo	
Cultural/Native American Concerns			
Grazing/Range Mgmt			
Env. Justice/Health			
Recreation Planner			
Weed Specialist			