

**United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

**Categorical Exclusion Not Established By Statute
DOI-BLM-UT-C010-2015-0007-CX
November 2014**

**Pacificorp DBA Rocky Mountain Power
Casefile clean-up at Rowberry Peak**

Location: **Iron County, Utah**
Rowberry Peak Communication Site
See Appendix A for legal description

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION

A. Background

BLM Office:	Cedar City Field Office (LLUTC01000)
Lease/Serial/Case File No.:	UTU-5678, UTU-28267, UTU-50755
Proposed Action Title/Type:	Right-of-way – Renewal
Location of Proposed Action:	Summit Canyon, Iron County, Utah

Description of Proposed Action:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cedar City Field Office, approached Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) on October 8, 2014 regarding their rights-of-way (ROWs) at Rowberry Peak. BLM is in the process of developing the Rowberry Communication Site Plan at the Rowberry Peak site and found there are three transmission lines at this site that BLM would like to do some administrative/clerical casefile clean-up to. RMP agreed to the proposed casefile clean-up by submitting the required applications on October 20, 2014. The ending objective to this casefile clean-up is to not have several authorized transmission casefiles on Rowberry Peak and to make it clear in the Rowberry Peak Communication Site Plan that there is one casefile for commercial power at this site. The below actions are proposed for the casefile clean-up.

Currently authorized:

- UTU-5678 – ROW for a 38,039.7' x 25' 12.5kV transmission line
- UTU-28267 – ROW for a 765' x 25' 7.2 kV transmission line
- UTU-50755 – Lease for a 80' x 80' communication site and 625' x 25' 7.2 kV transmission line

Proposed changes:

- UTU-5678 to be amended to include the transmission lines from UTU-28267 and UTU-50755 and serve as the only transmission line ROW for this site
- UTU-28267 – relinquish the transmission line to UTU-5678 and close casefile
- UTU-50755 – relinquish the transmission line to UTU-5678 and amend lease to include the existing 10' x 625' access road that was analyzed in the original NEPA for UTU-50755 since it was never added to the lease

Amended grants would be issued with updated legal descriptions.

No new stipulations would be added to the grants for this action.

Rocky Mountain Power would be held to the same terms and conditions of their original grants.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

The proposed action is in conformance with the Cedar Beaver Garfield Antimony Resource Management Plan approved, June 10, 1986. It is specifically provided for in decision 3.1 (p.9) which provides that applications for use authorizations such as rights-of-way, leases, and permits be processed on a case-by-case basis.

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with:

- 516 DM Chapter 11.9.E (9) which reads: "Amendments to existing rights-of-way, such as the upgrading of existing facilities, which entail no additional disturbances outside the right-of-way boundary."

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR Part 46.215 apply.

I considered the attached terms and conditions when making my decision, and they should be made a part of the grant.

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: Elizabeth R. Burghard Date: 11/18/14
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Categorical Exclusion Review Record

Resource	Yes/No*	Assigned Specialist Signature	Date
Air Quality	No	<i>Craig L. Egerton</i>	11/7/14
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	No	Dave Jacobson	11-12-2014
Cultural Resources	No	Jamie Palmer	11/7/2014
Environmental Justice	No	Michelle Campeau	11/05/2014
Farm Lands (prime or unique)	No	<i>Craig L. Egerton</i>	11/7/14
Floodplains	No	<i>Craig L. Egerton</i>	11/7/14
Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds	No	<i>Craig L. Egerton</i>	11/7/14
Migratory Birds	No	Sheri Whitfield	11/10/14
Native American Religious Concerns	No	Jamie Palmer	11/7/2014
Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Species	No	Sheri Whitfield	11/10/14
Wastes (hazardous or solid)	No	Randy Peterson	11/14/14
Water Quality (drinking or ground)	No	<i>Craig L. Egerton</i>	11/7/14
Wetlands / Riparian Zones	No	Adam Stephens	11/07/14
Wild and Scenic Rivers	No	Dave Jacobson	11-12-2014
Wilderness	No	Dave Jacobson	11-12-2014
Other:			

* A "yes" means that extraordinary circumstances *do* apply and this action would not be eligible for a CX. If you write "yes" here we will do an environmental assessment.

Program Lead *Michelle Campeau*

Date: *11/17/14*

Environmental Coordinator *Craig L. Egerton*

Date: *11/17/14*

Extraordinary Circumstance to Categorical Exclusions

Exceptions to Categorical Exclusion Documentation

The action has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) apply. The project would:

Extraordinary Circumstances		
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: Amending these applications would not impact public health and safety because no new disturbance is proposed at this location. The ROW holder will be subject to all local, state, and federal laws and regulations for health and safety.
2. 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 (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: The proposed action would not affect any of the above cited resources because the proposed action is to clean-up casefile rights-of-way and leases at Rowberry Peak and no new disturbance is proposed.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102 (2) (E)].		
Yes	No X	Rationale: The proposed action would create no additional impacts to the environment beyond those already present. It is not highly controversial nor does it involve any unresolved conflicts.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: The proposed action has no known environmental risks that would have uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects because the proposed action is to amend existing rights-of-way with no new disturbance proposed.
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: The proposed action would not set a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. All future actions will be considered independently.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: The proposed action would not have any cumulatively significant environmental effects. There would be no significant direct effects from the project so there would be no cumulative effects.

Extraordinary Circumstances

7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.

Yes	No X	Rationale: The proposed action would not affect cultural resources because the proposed action is to clean-up casefile rights-of-way and leases at Rowberry Peak and no new disturbance is proposed. Furthermore the ground surface has been disturbed so the possibility of finding intact cultural resources is negligible. The terms and conditions of the grants also provide protection if unknown sites are discovered.
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8. 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.

Yes	No X	Rationale: The proposed action would not affect any of the above cited resources because the proposed action is to clean-up casefile rights-of-way and leases at Rowberry Peak and no new disturbance is proposed.
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9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

Yes	No X	Rationale: The proposed authorizations are in conformance with all known environmental laws or requirements under the proposed terms and conditions.
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10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).

Yes	No X	Rationale: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and Executive Order 12898 (“Environmental Justice”) require federal agencies to identify and address “disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies and activities on minority populations and low-income populations.” In accordance with CEQ Environmental Justice Guidelines, minority populations should be identified and effects to them analyzed, if either of the following two conditions apply: (1) of those likely to be affected by the Proposed Action, 50 percent or more would be part of the minority population, and (2) within the project area, the minority population percentage is greater than the minority population percentage outside the project area or in the general population. Neither of these conditions applies to the project area for this effort. Therefore, implementation and potential environmental consequences of the action considered would not disproportionately affect any specific group of people (including any racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic group).
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11. 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).

Yes	No X	Rationale: The proposed action would not limit access to any known sites nor affect the physical integrity of such.
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Extraordinary Circumstances

12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive 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 Executive Order 13112).

Yes	No X	Rationale: The proposed action would not contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds and non-native invasive plants. The authorization would include current terms and conditions for the control of noxious weeds.
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EXHIBIT - A

Pacificorp d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

UTU-5678

Meridian	Township	Range	Section	Subdivision
SLM	T. 30 S.	R. 10 W.	15	SWSW;
SLM	T. 30 S.	R. 10 W.	21	E2SE;
SLM	T. 30 S.	R. 10 W.	22	W2NW,NWSW;
SLM	T. 30 S.	R. 10 W.	28	E2NE,SWNE,W2SE,NESE;
SLM	T. 30 S.	R. 10 W.	33	W2NE,SENE,E2SW;
SLM	T. 31 S.	R. 10 W.	04	N2SW,SWSW;
SLM	T. 31 S.	R. 10 W.	04	Lots 2,3,6,11;
SLM	T. 31 S.	R. 10 W.	08	E2SE;
SLM	T. 31 S.	R. 10 W.	09	W2NW,NWSW;
SLM	T. 31 S.	R. 10 W.	17	E2NE,SESW,W2SE,NESE;
SLM	T. 31 S.	R. 10 W.	19*	NENE;
SLM	T. 31 S.	R. 10 W.	20*	N2NW;

Acres: 22.63*

*Includes the transmission lines from UTU-28267 and UTU-50755.

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UTU-50755

Meridian	Township	Range	Section	Subdivision
SLM	T. 31 S.	R. 10 W.	20	NWNW;

Acres: 0.29*

*Minus the transmission line because it was moved to UTU-5678. New acreage only reflects the communication site and access road.