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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM

ES-020-2015-10-CX

Case/Project No.: LA-BLM-080497-01

PROJECT NAME: Renewal of a natural gas pipe line

TECHNICAL REVIEW:

(T)	Program	Reviewer	Signature	Date
	Air Quality	Brian Kennedy, Physical Scientist	Wm D Bagnall	3/2/2015
	ACEC	Faye Winters, Wildlife Biologist		
	Botanical including T & E Spp.	Faye Winters, Wildlife Biologist		
	Communications (Dispatch)			
	Cultural/Paleontology	John M. Sullivan, Archeologist	<del>Wm D Bagnall</del>	3/2/2015
	Energy Policy			
	Environmental Justice			
	Farmlands (Prime & Unique)	Brian Kennedy, Physical Scientist	Wm D Bagnall	3/2/2015
	Fire Management			
	Floodplain	Brian Kennedy, Physical Scientist	Wm D Bagnall	3/2/2015
	Hazardous Material	Brian Kennedy, Physical Scientist	Wm D Bagnall	3/2/2015
	Invasive & Non-Native Species	Faye Winters, Wildlife Biologist		
	Lands/Realty	Vicky Craft, Realty Specialist	Victoria P. Craft	2-17-2015
	Land Law Examiner			
	Law Enforcement			
	Minerals	Bill Bagnall, Geologist	Wm D Bagnall	3/2/2015
	Native American Religious Concerns	John M. Sullivan, Archeologist	<del>Wm D Bagnall</del>	3/2/2015
	Operations			
	Range Management			
	Recreation			
	Soils	Brian Kennedy, Physical Scientist	Wm D Bagnall	3/2/2015
	Surface Protection			
	Visual Resources			
	Water Rights			
	Water Quality (Surface & Ground)	Brian Kennedy, Physical Scientist	Wm D Bagnall	3/2/2015
	Wetlands/Riparian Zones	Brian Kennedy, Physical Scientist	Wm D Bagnall	3/2/2015
	Wild & Scenic Rivers			
	Wilderness			
	Wild Horses/Burros			
	Wildlife including T & E Spp.	Faye Winters, Wildlife Biologist		

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Date: 2-17-2015

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Date: 2-17-2015

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Date: 2-17-2015

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**Location (legal description):** T. 23 S., R. 31 E., sec. 16 or River lot 16, Plaquemines Parish, LA

**Applicant:** Kinetica Partners, LLC, 1001 McKinney St., Suite 900, Houston, TX 77002

**Project Description:** On January 15, 2015, Kinetica Partners, LLC filed a right-of-way (ROW) application for the renewal of a 50 feet wide ROW for an existing 20" inches natural gas pipe line and appurtenant valve platform crossing (Section) River Lot 16, Township 23 South, Range 31 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The ROW contains 50' foot strip of sea marsh and mud flat on the east fringe of Dixon's Bay, west of Southwest Pass. The ROW is located 25 Feet from either side of a centerline, and 450' foot long for a total of 0.517 of an acre, more or less, from the southwest corner of (Section) River Lot 16 to the intersections of the right-of-way centerline with the boundaries of the Section (Lot 16). See Plat Number TN-L2-F526A-100-193, which includes the course and distances from the SW1/4 of Section 16 (River Lot). The original ROW was granted on March 11, 1965 for 50 years to Tennessee Gas Transmission Company and is to expire on March 11, 2015. Kinetica Partners, LLC acquired approximately 1600 miles of pipe line assets from Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Kinder Morgan) on September 1, 2013.

**Land Use Plan Conformance:** I have reviewed the project for conformance with existing applicable Federal regulations and environmental laws noted below and the Louisiana Land Use Plan 2002.

**Categorical Exclusion Reference:** Categorical Exclusion reference is 516 DM 11.5 E(9).

Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.

**Required Stipulations:** Covered in the ROW Grant.

**Compliance and Monitoring Responsibility:** No

**Decision:**

BLM has determined that the proposal conforms to the land use plan, is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria, and that it will not involve any significant adverse environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.

Approved by: Bruce Dawson Date: 3-3-2015  
Bruce Dawson  
Southeastern States Field Manager

<b>CX Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation</b>		
<b>The proposed categorical exclusion action will:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety. Rationale: There should be no significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
2.2 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. Rationale: None of these resources are present.		X
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]. Rationale: No highly controversial effects or unresolved conflicts would occur.		X
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. Rationale: There are no unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. Rationale: No precedent would be established.		X
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. Rationale: There would be no cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
2.7 Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office. Rationale: No such properties would be affected.		X
2.8 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. Rationale: There should be no impact on species listed or proposed for listing, or their habitat.		X
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. Rationale: No laws would be violated.		X
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898). Rationale: No disproportionate adverse effects would be expected.		X
2.11 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). Rationale: There would be no effect on Indian sacred sites.		X
2.12 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). Rationale: This project will not contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species due to implementation of standard preventative measures.		X