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DOI-BLM-UT-G020-2016-0013-CX

March, 2016

Emery Telcom, Cleveland Fiber Optic Line

Location: *T. 17 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake Meridian, Emery County, Utah*
Section 19: SE¼SW¼, SW¼SE¼;
Section 29: SW¼NW¼, NE¼SW¼.

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Introduction

Emery Telcom submitted an application to the Bureau of Land Management Price Field Office (BLM) for a Right-of-Way (ROW) to install a fiber optic telecommunications cable and facilities to upgrade services in the Cleveland, Utah area.

Proposed Action

The project consists of approximately 17,400 feet with approximately 4,980 feet on BLM administered lands. Of the 4,980 feet on BLM managed lands, 2,160 would be installed into an existing conduit by blowing the fiber optic line through. No trenching is proposed with this project. The remaining 2,820 feet would be installed on existing aerial power poles. Emery Telcom is proposing to have an initial ROW with a width of 25 feet to complete construction of the fiber optic line, and upon completion the ROW would be reduced to a permanent 10-foot width ROW.

Decision

After reviewing the facts and consulting with the BLM Interdisciplinary Team, it is my decision to authorize a Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) Title V right-of-way (ROW) to Emery Telcom, for installation, operation and maintenance of a partially buried/partially aerial fiber optic line in Emery County, Utah, on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed lands as outlined above and in the categorical exclusion documentation (DOI-BLM-UT-G020-2016-0013-CX). The fiber optic line will provide improved services to customers in the Cleveland area.

The authorized ROW is 25 feet x 4,980 feet, encompassing approximately 2.858 acres, more or less, within the following described subdivisions. Upon completion, the ROW will be reduced to a 10-foot width.

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The ROW will be authorized for 30 years with the right to renew. Should the ROW be terminated, or otherwise abandoned, it will be reclaimed to the original condition.

Construction

A crew of 4-5 people will be required for construction and it is estimated that it will be completed in 8-10 weeks.

The aerial portion of the line will include a 5/16" steel strand attached to the existing power poles. The cable will be lashed to the strand using a lashing machine, which is attached to the line and then pulled along the strand by hand. Bucket trucks, cable reel trailers, and crew trucks are authorized to drive on the approved construction corridor to place the fiber on the poles. Approximately 2,160 feet of the line will be placed in an existing 1.25" conduit. Hand holes are authorized for splicing, maintenance, and future access and will be placed at reel ends and access points along the route.

Anchors are authorized on the route at locations RMP has previously placed them and will be 2-4 feet within the existing anchor with a down guy attached. Warning signs shall be placed at the buried line locations for the safety and protections of the public and the facilities.

Vehicle traffic authorized during the construction phase includes the transportation of materials and heavy equipment, the commuting of the workforce, and the daily operation of the construction equipment. Traffic control shall be the responsibility of the applicant and is required to meet all applicable Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices safety standards per Utah Department of Transportation regulations.

All Occupational Safety Health Administration rules and regulation shall be adhered to. Any debris removed during construction shall be hauled to an authorized landfill. No waste shall be left on the right-of-way including oil, diesel fuel or litter.

Portable toilets will be placed near the work site as it moves along the route and will be removed upon project completion; the waste shall be disposed of according to regulations.

Reclamation

All bore pits and hand holes shall be compacted to avoid settling in the future. Any debris removed during construction shall be hauled to an authorized landfill. Following clean-up, Emery Telcom and the BLM will survey the jobsite to determine if any further reclamation is needed.

This decision is contingent on Emery Telcom fulfilling compliance with the stipulations outlined in the ROW grant.

Authorities:

The decision to authorize the aforementioned ROW is made under the authority of the FLPMA and regulations found 43 CFR Part 2800.

Compliance and Monitoring:

Emery Telcom will be responsible for monitoring and the subsequent treatment of noxious and invasive weed species within the limits of the authorized ROW.

The BLM will be responsible for monitoring the ROW to ensure Emery Telcom is in compliance with the ROW terms, conditions and stipulations. This monitoring will be conducted, at a minimum, at the end of the 10th year and each 10th year thereafter.

Rationale for Decision:

Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis under 516 DM 11.9, E. Realty (12):

"Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way."

The proposed project has been reviewed and determined to be in conformance with the terms and conditions of the *Price Field Office Record of Decision* (ROD) *and Approved Resource Management Plan* (RMP) (BLM 2008) as stated on page 115 under Land and Realty (LAR):

Goals

- "Make public lands available through ROWs or leases for such purposes as transportation routes, utilities, transmission lines, and communication sites, in coordination with other resource goals".

Objectives

- "Maintain availability of public lands to meet the habitation, cultivation, trade, mineral development, recreation, and manufacturing needs of external customers and the general public"; and
- "Make public lands available to meet the needs for smaller ROWs".

It has also been determined by review of the RMP, that the proposed actions would not conflict with other decisions throughout the Price Field Office RMP.

Protest/Appeal Language:

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-001. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at 125 South 600 West, Price, Utah 84501, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error

If you wish to file a petition (request) pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 2801.10 or 2881.10 for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

(1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,

(2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,

(3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and

(4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Authorized Officer Amanda Harrington Date 3/30/16

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A. Background

BLM Office: Price Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No: UTU-91518

Proposed Action Title / Type: Emery Telcom, Cleveland Fiber Optic Line / ROW

Location of Proposed Action:

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Description of Proposed Action:

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The project consists of approximately 17,400 feet with approximately 4,980 feet on BLM managed lands. Of the 4,980 feet on BLM managed lands, 2,160 feet would be installed in an existing conduit and the remaining 2,820 feet would be installed on existing aerial power poles. A water line, power line, and telecommunication line (in a conduit) was installed for a project in 2014. Emery Telcom is proposing to blow the fiber optic line through the existing conduit. No trenching is proposed with this upgrade. Emery Telcom proposes an initial right-of-way width of 25 feet to complete construction of the line, which would be reduced to a permanent 10 foot width once construction was complete.

The proposal consists of attaching a 5/16 inch steel suspension strand and a 24 fiber cable to existing Rocky Mountain Power Poles and installing anchors/down guys and hand-holes, along with placing a 24 fiber cable within an existing conduit. Disturbance would occur in the right-of-way during construction with the excavation and installation of anchor/down guys along with hand holes required for reel ends and cable access points. Additional components would include flush mounted buried hand-holes 24"x 36"x 36" for splicing and would be placed at reel ends at locations along the route for maintenance and future access. A 2" riser would be placed on the pole allowing the cable down the pole into the hand-hole then back up the pole. Anchors (screw type) would be placed along the route at locations Rocky Mountain Power has previously placed their anchors and would be 2 to 4 feet within the existing anchor with a down guy attached.

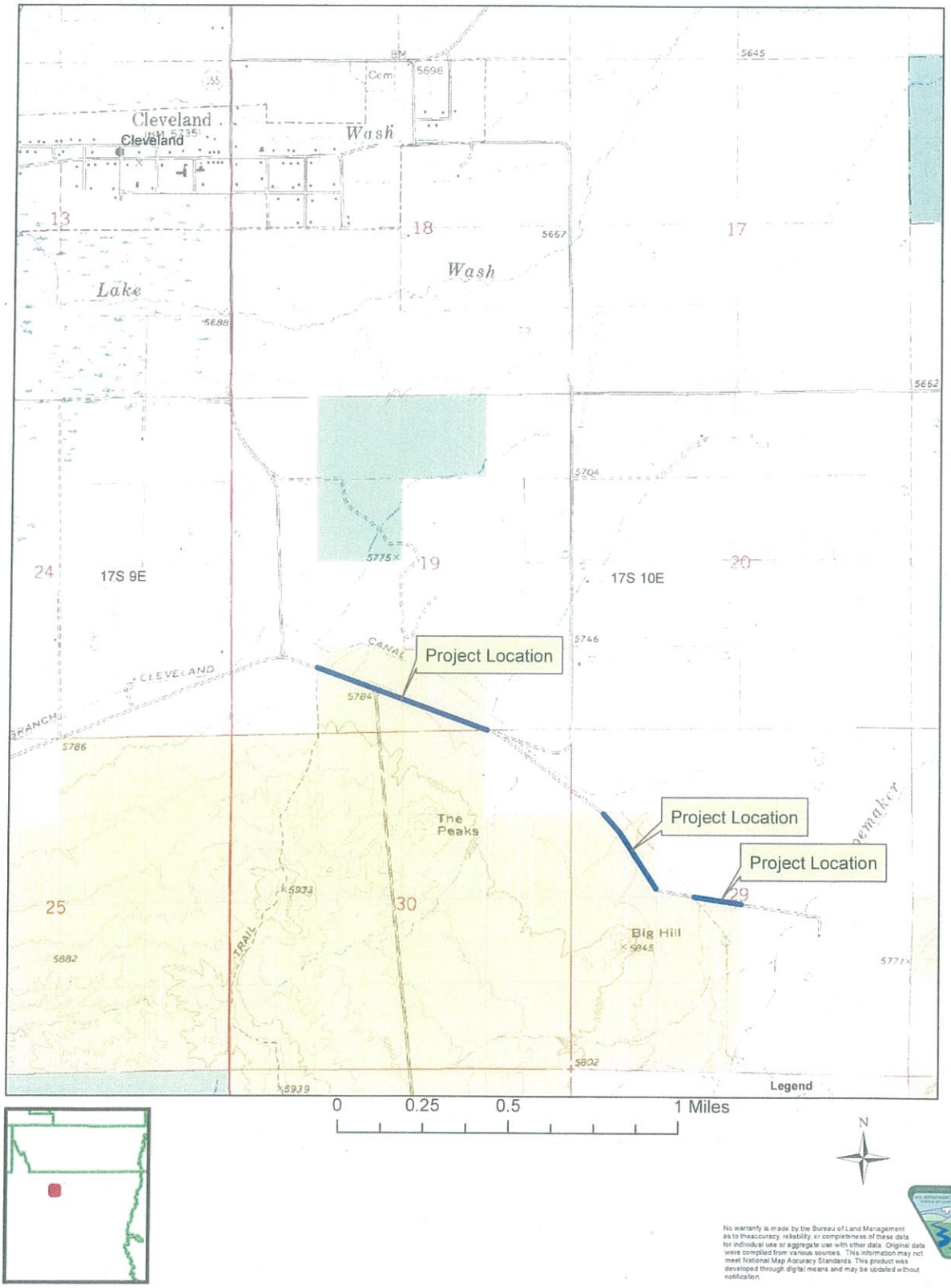
All personnel and equipment would be required to stay in the designated right-of-way (ROW), access to the poles and existing conduit would be from existing County roads, no new access locations would be required.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration rules and regulations would be strictly adhered to. Traffic control would be the responsibility of the applicant and should meet all applicable Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices safety standards per Utah Department of Transportation regulations. Emery Telcom would communicate with Emery County Road Department to coordinate safety procedures that would be used during construction adjacent to or crossing a county road where through vehicle traffic may be temporarily delayed.

No industrial waste would be left within the ROW; this includes used oil, spilled diesel fuel or any litter. Any debris removed during construction would be hauled off to a proper landfill.

Fiber Optic Cable, Cleveland

February 02, 2016



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Construction

Installation of the line would occur upon project approval. It is Emery Telcom's preference to begin construction activities during the winter of 2016; however, the commencement of construction activities is dependent upon approval of the project. A crew of 4-5 people would be required to construct the project and it is estimated that it would be completed in 8-10 weeks.

At the aerial locations, bucket trucks, cable reel trailers and crew trucks would drive on the approved construction corridor to place the fiber optic cable onto the existing poles. The construction crew would use bucket trucks or climb the poles to install temporary rollers, onto which a 5/16-inch steel suspension stand would be placed. The fiber optic cable would then be pulled onto the rollers and lashed to the strand machine using a lashing machine, which would be pulled along the strand, typically by hand. The lashing machine would spin a small galvanized wire around the fiber and strand, securing the cable in place, after which the rollers would be removed from the poles. Where required, screw type anchor/down guys would be screwed into the ground. At the hand-hole location a 2" riser would be attached to the pole allowing the cable to move up and down the pole.

The buried locations would involve placing a 24 fiber cable within an existing 1.25" conduit. Two new hand-holes would be placed, one at the beginning of the buried route and one at the end. Warning signs would be placed along the surface at approximate 500-foot intervals and would also be placed at all road crossings, ditches/culverts, running line changes, and splice vaults. These signs would be placed for the safety and protection of the public and the facilities.

Signs and/or traffic cones would be posted along the road prior to construction operations to warn the public. Flagmen would be positioned at the work area if visibility is less than 100 yards. Crossing a road may result in a delay ranging from 5 to 15 minutes.

Vehicle traffic during the construction phase would include the transportation of materials and heavy equipment, the commuting of the workforce, and the daily operation of the construction equipment.

Portable toilets would be placed near the work site as it moves along the route and would be removed and upon project completion; the waste shall be disposed of according to regulations.

Reclamation

All bore pits and hand holes would be compacted to avoid settling in the future. Any debris removed during construction would be hauled to an authorized landfill. Following clean-up, Emery Telcom and the BLM would survey the jobsite to determine if any further reclamation is needed.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Price Field Office Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: October 31, 2008

The proposed project has been reviewed and determined to be in conformance with the terms and conditions of the *Price Field Office Record of Decision* (ROD) *and Approved Resource Management Plan* (RMP) (BLM 2008) as stated on page 115 under Land and Realty (LAR):

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- "Make public lands available through ROWs or leases for such purposes as transportation routes, utilities, transmission lines, and communication sites, in coordination with other resource goals".

Objectives

- "Maintain availability of public lands to meet the habitation, cultivation, trade, mineral development, recreation, and manufacturing needs of external customers and the general public"; and
- "Make public lands available to meet the needs for smaller ROWs".

It has also been determined by review of the RMP, that the proposed actions would not conflict with other decisions throughout the Price Field Office RMP.

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 11.9, E. Lands (12) "Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way." This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment (see attachment).

Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations attached, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis with the following stipulations:

Terms and Conditions:

1. Standard
    a. This grant or permit is issued subject to the holder's compliance with all applicable regulations contained in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations part 2800.
    b. Upon grant termination by the authorized officer, all improvements shall be removed from the public lands within 90 days, or as directed by the authorized officer.
    c. Each grant issued for a term of 10 years or more shall, at a minimum, be reviewed by the authorized officer at the end of the 10th year and at regular intervals thereafter not to exceed 10 years. Provided, however, that a right-of-way or permit granted herein may be reviewed at any time deemed necessary by the authorized officer.
    d. The stipulations, plans, maps, or designs set forth are incorporated into and made a part of this grant instrument as fully and effectively as if they were set forth herein in their entirety.
    e. The holder shall construct, operate, and maintain the facilities, improvements, and structures within this right-of-way in strict conformity with the plan of development which was approved and made part of this grant. Any relocation, additional construction, or use that is not in accord with the approved plan of development, shall not be initiated without the prior written approval of the authorized officer. A copy of the complete right-of-way grant, including all stipulations and approved plan of development, shall be made available on the right-of-way area during construction, operation, and termination to the authorized officer. Noncompliance with the above will be grounds for an immediate temporary suspension of activities if it constitutes a threat to public health and safety or the environment.
    f. Failure of the holder to comply with applicable law or any provision of this right-of-way grant or permit shall constitute grounds for suspension or termination thereof.
2. Applicable Laws
    a. BLM may suspend or terminate your grant if you do not comply with applicable laws and regulations or any terms, conditions, or stipulations of the grant (such as rent payments), or if you abandon the right-of-way. Your failure to use your right-of-way for its authorized purpose for any continuous 5-year period creates a presumption of abandonment.
    b. The holder shall comply with all Federal, State, and local regulations whether or not specifically mentioned within this grant.
    c. Use of pesticides shall comply with the applicable Federal and state laws. Pesticides shall be used only in accordance with their registered uses and within limitations imposed by the Secretary of the Interior. Prior to the use of pesticides, the holder shall obtain from the authorized officer written approval of a plan showing the type and quantity of material to be used, pest(s) to be controlled, method of application, location of storage and disposal of containers, and any other information deemed necessary

by the authorized officer. Emergency use of pesticides shall be approved in writing by the authorized officer prior to such use.

d. The holder of this right-of-way grant or the holder's successor in interest shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and the regulations of the Secretary of the Interior issued pursuant thereto.

e. The holder shall meet Federal, State, and local emission standards for air quality.

f. The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder(s) shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601, et seq.) with regard to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized under this right-of-way grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, Section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the authorized officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.

g. The holder shall comply with the construction practices and mitigating measures established by 33 CFR 323.4, which sets forth the parameters of the "nationwide permit" required by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. If the proposed action exceeds the parameters of the nationwide permit, the holder shall obtain an individual permit from the appropriate office of the Army Corps of Engineers and provide the authorized officer with a copy of same. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be cause for suspension or termination of this right-of-way grant.

h. The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq. or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.) on the right-of-way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to the right-of-way holder's activity on the right-of-way. This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.

i. If during any phase of the construction, operation, or termination any oil or other pollutant should be discharged from containers or vehicles and impact Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleanup of such oil or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of the holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of holder to control, cleanup, or dispose of such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all damages to Federal lands resulting therefrom, the authorized officer may take such measures as he deems necessary to control and cleanup the discharge and restore the area, including, where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the holder. Such action by the authorized officer shall not relieve the holder of any liability or responsibility.

j. The holder is prohibited from discharging oil or other pollutants into or upon the navigable waters of the United States, adjoining shorelines, or the waters of the contiguous zone in violation of Section 311 of the Clean Water Act as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1321, and the regulations issued there under, or applicable laws of the State and regulations issued there under. Holder shall give immediate notice of any such discharge to the authorized officer and such other Federal and State officials as are required by law to be given such notice.

3. Miscellaneous

a. Portable toilets will be at the work site as it moves along the route and will be removed upon project completion; the waste shall be disposed of according to regulations.

b. The holder shall perform all operations in a good and workmanlike manner so as to ensure protection of the environment and the health and safety of the public.

c. All design, material, and construction, operation, maintenance, and termination practices shall be in accordance with safe and proven engineering practices.

d. The holder shall provide for the safety of the public entering the right-of-way.

e. The holder shall permit free and unrestricted public access to and upon the right-of-way for all lawful purposes except for those specific areas designated as restricted by the authorized officer to protect the public, wildlife, livestock or facilities constructed within the right-of-way.

f. Construction-related traffic shall be restricted to routes approved by the authorized officer. New access roads will not be permitted unless prior written approval is given by the authorized officer.

g. The holder shall inform the Field Manager at 435-636-3600 within 48 hours of any accidents on federal lands.

h. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the authorized officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.

i. The holder shall protect all survey monuments found within the right-of-way. Survey monuments include, but are not limited to, General Land Office and Bureau of Land Management Cadastral Survey Corners, reference corners, witness points, U.S. Coastal and Geodetic benchmarks and triangulation stations, military control monuments, and recognizable civil (both public and private) survey monuments. In the event of obliteration or disturbance of any of the above, the holder shall immediately report the incident, in writing, to the authorized officer and the respective installing authority if known. Where General Land Office or Bureau of Land Management right-of-way monuments or references are obliterated during operations, the holder shall secure the services of a registered land surveyor or a Bureau cadastral surveyor to restore the disturbed monuments and references using surveying procedures found in the Manual of Surveying Instructions for the Survey of the Public Lands in the United States, latest edition. The holder shall record such survey in the appropriate county and send a copy to the authorized officer. If the Bureau cadastral surveyors or other Federal surveyors are used to restore the disturbed survey monument, the holder shall be responsible for the survey cost.

j. The holder shall be responsible for weed control on disturbed areas within the limits of the right-of-way. The holder is responsible for consultation with the authorized officer and/or local authorities for acceptable weed control methods (within limits imposed in the grant stipulations).

4. Construction

a. The holder shall conduct all activities associated with the construction, operation, and termination of the right-of-way within the authorized limits of the right-of-way.

b. The holder shall survey and clearly mark the centerline and/or exterior limits of the right-of-way.

c. Construction sites shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times; waste materials at those sites shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate waste disposal site. "Waste" means all discarded matter including, but not limited to, human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, oil drums, petroleum products, ashes, and equipment.

d. When construction activity in connection with the right-of-way breaks or destroys a natural barrier used for livestock control, the gap, thus opened, shall be fenced to prevent the drift of livestock. The subject

natural barrier shall be identified by the authorized officer and fenced by the holder as per instruction of the authorized officer.

e. No construction or routine maintenance activities shall be performed during periods when the soil is too wet to adequately support construction equipment. If such equipment creates ruts in excess of four inches deep, the soil shall be deemed too wet to adequately support construction equipment.

5. Maintenance

a. Holder shall maintain the right-of-way in a safe, usable condition, as directed by the authorized officer.

6. Reclamation, Rehabilitation and Termination

a. Prior to termination of the right-of-way, the holder shall contact the authorized officer to arrange a pre-termination conference. This conference will be held to review the termination and reclamation provisions of the grant.

D: Signature

Authorizing Official: Amanda Harrington Date: 3/30/16

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Attachments:
Extraordinary Circumstances

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Resource	Yes/No*	Assigned Specialist Signature	Date
Air Quality	No	Jake Palma	3/14/16
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	No	Josh Winkler	01/26/2016
Cultural Resources	No	Amber Koski	01/26/16
Environmental Justice	No	Jake Palma	3/14/16
Farm Lands (prime or unique)	No	Jeffrey Brower	01/28/16
Floodplains	No	Jeffrey Brower	01/28/16
Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds	No	Stephanie Bauer	2/8/15
Migratory Birds	No	Jared Reese	2/1/16
Native American Religious Concerns	No	Amber Koski	2/8/16
Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Species	No – Animals No – Plants	Jared Reese Karl Ivory	2/1/16 02/03/2016
Wastes (hazardous or solid)	No	Jeffrey Brower	01/28/16
Water Quality (drinking or ground)	No	Jeffrey Brower	01/28/16
Wetlands / Riparian Zones	No	Jeffrey Brower	01/28/16
Wild and Scenic Rivers	No	Matt Blocker	1/25/16
Wilderness	No	Matt Blocker	1/25/16
Other:			

*Extraordinary Circumstances apply.

Environmental Coordinator: _____ Date: 3/29/16

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**: *Resource specialists did not identify any significant impacts to public health or 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:** *Impacts to natural resources and unique geographic characteristics are not anticipated as a result of this project. The ID Team did not identify any impacts to these resources.*
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:** *Resource specialists did not identify any highly controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.*
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
Yes	**No** X	**Rationale:** *Due to the minimally impacting nature of this action, the results of the action are predictable and do not have the potential for substantial environmental effects.*
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 does not set a precedent for future actions. Future proposals would be subject to NEPA and would be analyzed prior to authorization.*
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
Yes	**No** X	**Rationale:** *Because the line is being installed on and in existing facilities it would not have an additive impact to resources.*
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.		

Extraordinary Circumstances		
Yes	**No** X	**Rationale:** *Pursuant to the Programmatic Agreement Between the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-Utah and the Utah State Historic Preservation Office Regarding National Historic Preservation Act Responsibilities for Small-Scale Undertakings, the proposed project does not exceed the thresholds set forth under stipulation IB, therefore the BLM Price Field Office will submit consultation during the quarterly submission. BLM has determined that this project would have "No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties," on lands administered by the BLM.*
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:** *After GIS review, there are no known occurrences of federally listed or candidate species in the project area.*
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 action would not violate any Federal, State, local or tribal laws. A stipulation of the grant document states "The holder shall comply with all Federal, State, and local regulations whether or not specifically mentioned within this grant."*
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		
Yes	**No** X	**Rationale:** *There are no minority or low income populations that would be adversely effected by implementation of Proposed Action.*
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 action would not limit access to and ceremonial use of sacred sites by Native American religious and traditional practitioners or significantly affect the physical integrity of such sites.*
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 grant holder is required to monitor any disturbed areas for noxious weeds and is responsible for consultation with the Field Manager or other authorized officer and/or local authorities for acceptable weed control methods.*