

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
 Rock Springs Field Office  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Extraordinary Circumstances Checklist

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: WYW142598

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Right-of-Way Applicant/Holder: Questar Gas Company

Proposed Action Title/Type: Amendment of an existing right-of-way grant

Review the proposed action against each of the 12 “extraordinary circumstances” listed below. Any action that is normally categorically excluded must be subjected to sufficient environmental review to determine whether it meets any of the extraordinary circumstances, in which case, further analysis and environmental documents must be prepared for the action. Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page. DO NOT ANSWER “N/A” TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW. You must be able to answer “No” to each question. If that is not possible, a CX may not be the correct NEPA document for the project.

Extraordinary Circumstances		Yes/No	Staff Specialist	Comments
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	No	SMM	This is an amendment of an existing project. No adverse effects on public health or safety were identified. The right-of-way is in a developed area of Rock Springs with several other utility or road rights-of-way in the vicinity.
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 (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is an amendment of an existing right-of-way located in a developed area of Rock Springs and would have no 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; floodplains; national natural monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas. Two eligible cultural/historic sites were identified in the vicinity of the project area, but it was determined that the project will have no adverse effect on these sites.
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA, Sec. 102(2)(E)]	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is an amendment of an existing right-of-way grant. No controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources would result from the Proposed Action.
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is an amendment of an existing right-of-way grant for a regulator station and associated pipelines, which has been in operation for over 20 years. The amendment is to expand the right-of-way by .78 acres to accommodate the relocation of an existing regulator station and two additional buried pipelines. The actions Questar proposes in the amendment mirror the activities undertaken within the existing ROW grant. The environmental effects are not highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. This amendment will further enhance existing gas service in the North Rock Springs area.
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is an amendment of an existing right-of-way grant, and would not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. Further growth in the North Rock

				Springs area could eventually require additional utility infrastructure, but future realty actions in this area would entail the appropriate level of NEPA analysis.
6.	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is an amendment of an existing right-of-way grant. The environmental impacts of this grant were previously reviewed in the Categorical Exclusion dated September 4, 1997. The operations permitted under the grant are in conformance with the August 8, 1997 Green River Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision.
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.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is an amendment of an existing right-of-way grant and will not 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. Two eligible cultural/historic sites were identified in the vicinity of the project area, but the project will have no adverse effect on these sites.
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.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is an amendment of an existing right-of-way grant located in a developed area of Rock Springs and will not 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.
9.	Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is an amendment of an existing right-of-way grant and does not violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or

				requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.
10.	Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898).	No	SMM	The project will not have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations. The project will ensure reliable gas service to persons of all income levels and ethnicities in the area it serves.
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 (EO 13007).	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is an amendment of an existing right-of-way grant, and would not 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.
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 EO 13112).	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is an amendment of an existing right-of-way grant. The terms and conditions of the existing grant to specify that the holder will be responsible for weed control on the disturbed areas within the established limits of the right-of-way.