



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Project Title MT-TRIBE-BLACKFEET TRIBE

Location: Tribe MT-TRIBE- MT
BLACKFEET TRIBE

Proposed Action or Project Description:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Blackfeet Tribe of Montana proposes to install wind energy demonstration projects within the Blackfeet Industrial Park to power the Blackfeet Advanced Technology Building. The Blackfeet Tribe proposes to install two 50 kW wind turbines in an area adjacent to the Advanced Technology Building. This building would have a wind energy generation system installed on tilt towers in an area adjacent to the Advanced Technology Building. The height of the turbines would be less than 100 feet. The turbines would be installed in a previously disturbed area and would be located more than 25 nautical miles from an airport and more than 90 miles from the nearest Doppler weather radar. No significant impacts to birds or bat species would occur, and the noise level of the area is expected to be low. Proposed actions would be in accordance with local land use and zoning requirements. The Montana Fish and Wildlife Department does not have regulatory authority or jurisdiction within the Blackfeet Reservation boundaries; however, the Blackfeet Fish and Game Department has been consulted with regard to the placement of turbines in the Industrial Park.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: B5.18

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 10 21

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

ORO NEPA Compliance Officer

Gary S. Hartman

Date Determined:

2/20/2013

Comments:

Webmaster: