



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



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

Project Title NH-City-Nashua

Location: City Nashua NH

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

1) Technical consultant to develop energy efficiency and conservation strategy; 2) technical consultant to manage the energy efficiency and conservation grant and conduct an evaluation of Nashua's hydroelectric dams; 3) technical consultant to conduct building assessments and make recommendations; 4) conduct audits of municipal buildings; 5) purchase alternative fuel vehicles; 6) engineering services for the design of a compressed natural gas (CNG) facility, purchasing equipment and support systems for the facility, and retrofitting a portion of the City's fleet garage to comply with requirements for maintenance and repair of CNG vehicles; 7) purchase vehicles and convert vehicles from diesel to CNG; and 8) evaluate tariff and development of a solution for avoiding streetlight charges, conduct streetlight maintenance activities, and conduct a pilot study for performing streetlight conversion to LED.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A1, A9, A11, B1.32, B2.5, B5.1

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 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: 11/4/2011

Comments:

Webmaster: