RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

A. **Proposed Action:** Western proposes to replace guy wires and anchors at structure 6/8 of the existing Coolidge - Electrical District 2 #1 115-kV transmission line as well as replacing crossarms as needed between Signal Tap Substation and Electrical District #2 Substation. Western will access structures using crew trucks, pickup trucks and backhoes along existing access roads. This work is necessary to maintain the safety and reliability of the bulk electrical system.

The attached map shows the project area is situated south of Coolidge within Section 6, 7, 18, 19 and 30 of Township 6 South Range 8 East on the Gila and Salt River Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona. Work will be conducted within Western's right of way across Private land. The corresponding U.S.G.S. 7.5-minute topographic map is Coolidge, Arizona. This work is planned to begin in November 2010.

Categorical Exclusion Applied: 10 CFR, Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B1.3: "Routine maintenance activities and custodial services for buildings, structures, right-of-way, infrastructures (e.g. pathways, roads and railroads), vehicles and equipment and localized vegetation and pest control during which operations may be suspended and resumed."

B. **Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410 (b):**

1. The proposed action fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix B to Subpart D.

   a. The proposed action was reviewed for the requirements of the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act, and all applicable Department of Energy Orders. This action falls under the Programmatic Agreement for routine maintenance activities, type II activities.

   b. The proposed action does not require the siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities.

   c. The proposed action does not disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminates, or CERLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled and unpermitted releases.

   d. The proposed action was reviewed and surveyed for impacts to cultural and sensitive biological resources. Cultural and sensitive biological resources have been determined to not be affected.

2. There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and

3. The proposal 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.

C. Determination: 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 451.1A), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class of actions, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

D. Special Conditions:

1. Avoid conducting project related activities east of the Coolidge ED2 #2 line between Coolidge ED2 #1 Structures 8/5 and 8/7 unless an archaeological monitor is present.
2. Avoid conducting cross arm or insulator replacements at Structure 12/1 unless an archaeological monitor is present.
3. Avoid conducting ground-disturbing activities, such as wood pole replacement or guy anchor installation at Structure 12/1, because additional environmental review would be needed.

Acting for John R. Holt
NEPA Compliance Officer

11/23/10
Date