RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

A. **Proposed Action:** Western proposes to conduct Emergency Crossarm Replacement at Structure 39/7 and Access Road Maintenance along the existing Tucson-Apache 115-kV Transmission Line. This will consist of blading and leveling out areas of the existing access road using a dozer and bucket trucks, crew trucks and pickup trucks to replace the crossarm at the structure. This work is necessary to maintain the safety and reliability of the bulk electrical system.

The attached map shows the project areas are situated within Section 7 Township 17 South Range 18 East on the Gila and Salt River Meridian, Pima County, Arizona. Work will be conducted within Western's right of way. The corresponding U.S.G.S. 7.5-minute topographic map is The Narrows, Arizona. This work is planned to begin the week of July 12, 2010.

B. **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."

C. **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.

D. 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.

E. Special Conditions:

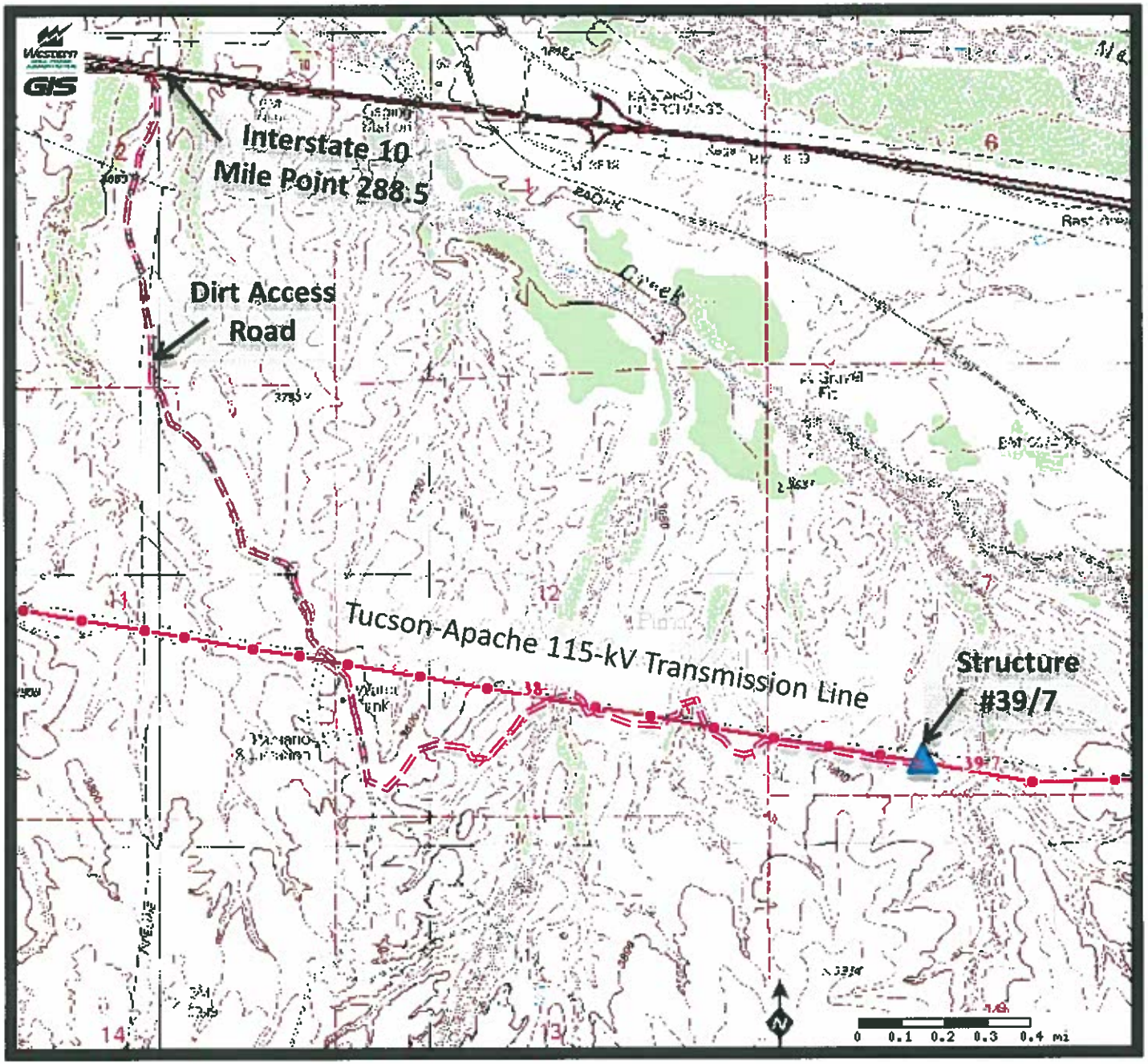
1. Use the Access Road that approaches Structure 39/7 from the West.

John R. Holt
NEPA Compliance Officer

7/8/10
Date

Tucson-Apache 115-kV Transmission Line

Structure 39/7 Cross Arm Replacement



Legal Description		
Section	Township	Range
7	17 S	18 E

Transmission Line

Project Area

Dirt Access Road

Western Area Power Administration
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