Proposed Action Title: Routine Maintenance and Minor Construction Program Fiscal Year 2019 - 2024

Program or Field Office: Western Area Power Administration - Desert Southwest Region
Location(s) (City/County/State): Facilities throughout Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah

Proposed Action Description:
The Desert Southwest Region (DSW) routinely operates and maintains more than 243 substations, switch-yards, and communication sites. Routine maintenance and operation activities include, but are not limited to, inspections, cleanings, repairs, replacements, modifications, testing, calibrations, upgrades, vegetation management, demolitions, disposals, and installations of equipment, utilities, buildings, structures, conductors, retention tanks/basins, electronic equipment, airway safety markings, fencing, access roads, and air conditioning systems.

Purpose: To ensure the safety and reliability of the bulk electric system.

DSW's will follow the procedures and resources protection measures in DSW's executed biological opinions, programmatic agreements, and Environmental Implementation Plans for Routine Maintenance and Minor Construction.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:
B1.3 - Routine maintenance
B1.4 - Air conditioning systems for existing equipment
B1.19 - Microwave, meteorological, and radio towers
B1.7 - Electronic equipment
B1.9 - Airway safety markings and painting

For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021.

Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410(b): (See full text in regulation)

✔ The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D.

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

✔ The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

Based on my review of 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.

NEPA Compliance Officer: SEAN BERRY
Date Determined: 7/29/2019