

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 18, 2021

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: G0400

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment Determination for the CDH Vidal Photovoltaic Interconnection Project, San Bernardino County, California

TO: Andrew Montano, NEPA Project Manager

CDH Vidal LLC has submitted a transmission interconnection request to WAPA to interconnect their proposed Vidal Photovoltaic Interconnection Project to WAPA's existing Headgate Rock-Blythe 161-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in San Bernardino County, California. WAPA proposes to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the effects of the Vidal Photovoltaic Interconnection Project based on the provisions in 10 CFR 1021 of the Department of Energy National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures since this action fits within category C7 (Contracts, policies, and marketing and allocation plans for electric power) of Appendix C to Subpart D of Part 1021. Category C7 applies to this action because the proposal entails an interconnection of new generation that is less than 50 average megawatts.

In accordance with my responsibilities under Section 3.b of the Department of Energy Policy 451.1, NEPA Compliance Program, I have determined that it is appropriate to prepare an EA to analyze the effects of the proposed project. Andrew M. Montano will be the NEPA Document Manager for the EA and may be reached at (720) 962-7253.

Sincerely,

Jack D. Murray
Acting Senior Vice President and
Desert Southwest Regional Manager