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Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), in cooperation with Scout Clean Energy, is issuing this notice to inform the public that WAPA is cancelling the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Silver Queen Wind Farm interconnection request located in Crawford and Carroll Counties, Iowa. WAPA reevaluated the interconnection request consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), DOE NEPA regulations at 10 CFR part 1021, and DOE's NEPA implementing procedures outside the Code of Federal Regulations available at energy.gov/nepa. The Federal action, *Denison Substation Expansion and Point of Interconnection*, fits within categories of actions in Appendix B of both 10 CFR 1021 and DOE's NEPA implementing procedures. WAPA analyzed the conditions that are integral elements of the categories of actions, concluded there is no potential for significant effects, and approved a Categorical Exclusion Determination for the Project.

WAPA's Categorical Exclusion Determination is posted on WAPA's Upper Great Plain's website at <https://www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/ugp/environment/>. It can also be found on the project website at <https://www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/ugp/environment/denison/>.

Further information on Scout Clean Energy's Silver Queen Wind Farm can be directed to Zach Lasek at (804) 955-9516 or zach@scoutcleanenergy.com. The wind farm is not part of WAPA's Federal action under NEPA, as amended. Further information on the Federal action, *Denison Substation Expansion and Point of Interconnection*, can be directed to Ashley Jackson-Baillie at (970) 765-6037 or by email at nepa@wapa.gov.