

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION

CRSP MC

Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title: Provo River Project Firm Power Rate 2020 - 2025

Program or Field Office: CRSP MC

Location(s): The Provo River Project provides wholesale firm electric power to cities in the states of Utah, California, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Wyoming, through these organizations: Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, Utah Municipal Power Agency, and Heber Light and Power

Description of Proposed Action: The Provo River Project consists of a powerplant on a dam at Deer Creek on the Provo River in central Utah. The Deer Creek power station has an installed capacity of 5,000 kilowatts. Western Area Power Administration proposes a 5-year Provo River Project Firm Power Formula Rate through March 31, 2025, which is unchanged from the existing formula rate in Rate Schedule PR-1 that expires on March 31, 2020.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: (Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021 B4.3) Rate changes for electric power, power transmission, and other products or services provided by a Power Marketing Administration that are based on a change in revenue requirements if the operations of generation projects would remain within normal operating limits

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

To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with

applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

☒ 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.

9/13/2019

X S. Clayton Palmer

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NEPA Compliance Officer
Signed by: Department of Energy

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Date Determined:

September 13, 2019