

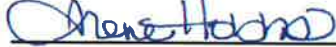
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Categorical Exclusion Checklist

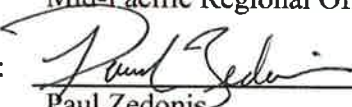
PG&E Overhead Electric Service Line – South Canal, Orland Project

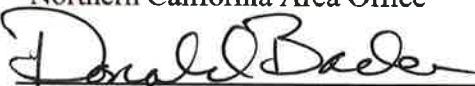
NCAO-CEC-14-19

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Proposed Action

PG&E is requesting permission to install, operate, and maintain an overhead electric service line across Reclamation's right-of-way to serve the adjacent landowner, Mr. Brien Hamilton's agricultural pump which will conduct 3-phase 277/480v service. The proposed project is located in Sections 15 and 22, Township 22 North, Range 3 West, MDM in Glenn County (Figure 1). The South Canal at this location is situated on a 60-foot wide United States right of way. The proposed electric service line will extend from an existing pole on the south side of the South Canal, 55-feet to a customer owned meter pole on the north side of the South Canal on Mr. Hamilton's property (Figure 2). A 25-foot minimum clearance over United States right-of-way shall be maintained at all times.

A site visit was conducted on October 30, 2014, and there is no known threatened or endangered species, plant or animal that will be affected and there will be no ground disturbance to the right-of-way.

Exclusion Categories

Bureau of Reclamation Categorical Exclusion - D(10): Issuance of permits, licenses, easements and crossing agreements which provide right-of-way over Bureau of Reclamation lands where the action does not allow or lead to larger public or private action.

Extraordinary Circumstances

Below is an evaluation of the extraordinary circumstances as required in 43 CFR 46.215.

1. This action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (40 CFR 1502.3). No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐
2. This action would have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA Section 102(2)(E) and 43 CFR 46.215(c)). No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐
3. This action would have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)). No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐
4. This action would have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographical characteristics as historic or cultural resources; parks, recreation, and refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); flood plains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas (43 CFR 46.215 (b)). No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐

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| 5. This action would have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks (43 CFR 46.215(d)). | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. This action would establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (e)). | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. This action would have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (f)). | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. This action would have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by Reclamation (LND 02-01; and 43 CFR 46.215 (g)). | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. This action would have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated critical habitat for these species (43 CFR 46.215 (h)). | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. This action would violate a Federal, Tribal, State, or local law or requirement imposed for protection of the environment (43 CFR 46.215 (i)). | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. This action would affect ITAs (512 DM 2, Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993). | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. This action would have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898; and 43 CFR 46.215 (j)). | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. This action would limit access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007; 43 CFR 46.215 (k); and 512 DM 3). | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. This action would contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act; | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |

EO 13112; and 43 CFR 46.215 (l)).

Regional Archeologist concurred with Item 8 (email attached).

ITA Designee concurred with Item 11 (email attached).

NEPA Action Recommended

☒ CEC – This action is covered by the exclusion category and no extraordinary circumstances exist. The action is excluded from further documentation in an EA or EIS.

☐ Further environmental review is required, and the following document should be prepared.

☐ EA

☐ EIS

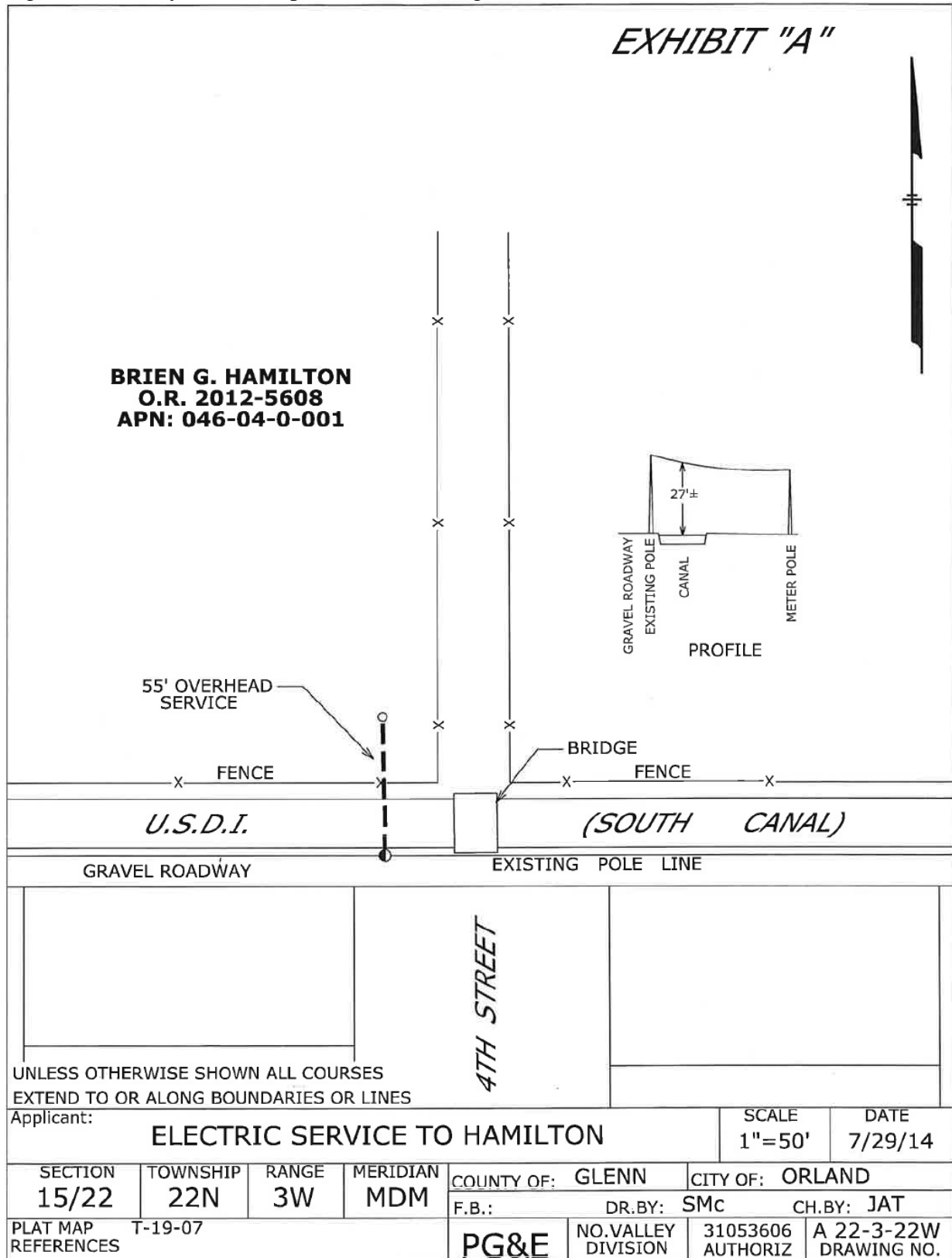
Environmental commitments, explanations, and/or remarks:

Cost Authority Number to review this request if needed: 15XR0680A2RX.07258947.3230000

Figure 1. Vicinity Map.



Figure 2. Site layout for the power line crossing of the South Canal.



Attachment 1. ITA Concurrence email.



Zedonis, Paul <pzedonis@usbr.gov>

Re: CR and ITA Review: NCAO-CEC-14-19

RIVERA, PATRICIA <privera@usbr.gov>
To: "Zedonis, Paul" <pzedonis@usbr.gov>

Wed, Dec 24, 2014 at 3:53 PM

Paul,

I reviewed the proposed action and determined there are no potential effects to Indian Trust Assets as a result of this project.

Project Description.

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Attachment 2. Cultural Resources Concurrence Email.


**CULTURAL RESOURCE COMPLIANCE
Mid-Pacific Region
Division of Environmental Affairs
Cultural Resources Branch**

MP-153 Tracking Number: 15-NCAO-044

Project Name: PG&E Electric Service Line, South Canal, Orland Project

NEPA Document: NCAO-CEC-14-19

Project Manager/NEPA Contact: Paul Zedonis

MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: Mark Carper 

Date: 1/5/2015

This proposed undertaking by Reclamation to authorize PG&E to install, operate, and maintain an overhead electric service line across Reclamation right-of-way. This is the type of undertaking that does not have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, should such properties be present, pursuant to the NHPA Section 106 regulations codified at 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1). Reclamation has no further obligations under NHPA Section 106, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1).

The project will involve running a line from an existing PG&E pole from the south of the south Canal to an existing a customer-owned pole on the north side of the canal. The distance between poles is 55-feet. As the poles are already in existence, the undertaking will involve only the stringing of line and there will, therefore, be no associated construction of ground disturbance.

After reviewing NCAO-CEC-14-19, dated December 2014, I am able to concur with line #8 stating, "This action would have no significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places."

This memorandum is intended to convey the completion of the NHPA Section 106 process for this undertaking. Please retain a copy in the administrative record for this action. Should changes be made to this project, additional NHPA Section 106 review, possibly including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, may be necessary. Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment.