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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

File: Lauderdale (Kittitas County P.U.D. #1), File No. SEPA 08-01

Description: Kittitas County Public Utility District #1 is proposing an 115,000 volt Lauderdale Transmission Tap project and a new electric power Substation located near Lauderdale Junction.

Proponent: Kittitas County P.U.D. #1

Location: The project is located in the Lauderdale Junction area of Kittitas County in portions of Section 35 T19N R18E and Sections 3 and 15, T19N, R17E, W.M, Kittitas County Washington.

Lead Agency: Kittitas County Community Development Services

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request. The lead agency for this proposal has also determined that certain mitigation measures are necessary in order to issue a Determination of Non-Significance for this proposal. Failure to comply with the mitigation measures identified hereafter will result in the issuance of a Determination of Significance (DS) for this project. These mitigation measures include the following:

The following conditions shall also apply based on the project specific analysis:

I. Transportation

1. A Work in the Right-of-Way permit from Kittitas County Department of Public Works for all work done along Smithson Road.
2. A Utility Crossing Permit is required from the Washington State Department of Transportation for all location where transmission lines cross over state highways.
3. No direct access shall be allowed to SR 970.
4. A Traffic Control Plan shall be submitted to the WSDOT South Central Regional Traffic Office.
5. The Department of Natural Resources requires a power line easement on state lands. The State's review of the associated easement application will consider any potential affects to any current or future management of the subject parcels. Necessary mitigation may be identified during this review process.

II. Water

1. A water right permit is required for all surface water diversions and for any water from a well that will exceed 5,000 gallons per day.
2. Projects Greater-Than 1 Acre with Potential to Discharge Off-Site will require a NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit to as well as a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan issued from the Washington Department of Ecology.

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III. Historical and cultural preservation

1. A professional archaeological survey of the project area be conducted prior to any ground disturbing activities including both the transmission line corridor and the substation location. The applicant shall consult with the concerned Tribes' cultural committees and Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350. The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge this administrative SEPA action's procedural compliance with the provisions of Chapter 197-11 WAC shall be commenced within 10 working days (on or before 5:00 PM, May 2, 2008).

Responsible Official: _____
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Pursuant to Chapter 15A.07 KCC, this MDNS may be appealed by submitting specific factual objections in writing with a fee of \$500.00 to the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, Kittitas County Courthouse Room 110, Ellensburg, WA 98926. Timely appeals must be received no later than 5:00 PM, May 2, 2008. Aggrieved parties are encouraged to contact the Board at (509) 962-7508 for more information on appeal process.