

ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (EA/EIS)

Part I. Proposed Action Description

Applicant/Contact Name & Address: Clark Canyon Hydro LLC
PO Box 535
Rigby ID 83442-0535

Type of Action: Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit No. 30047909 41A

Location Affected by Action: SESWSW, Sec 32, Twp 9S, Rge 10W, Beaverhead Co.

Narrative Summary of Proposed Action: The Applicant proposes to construct and operate a 4.75-megawatt hydroelectric project located at the Bureau of Reclamation's Clark Canyon Dam on the Beaverhead River. The proposed project would generate up to 16,546 megawatt-hours annually for distribution to the Northwest Power Pool region of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

Part II. Existing Environmental Review Information

Title: Environmental Assessment for Hydropower License – Clark Canyon Dam Project – FERC Project No. 124-001

Publication Date: April 15, 2009

Lead Agency: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – Office of Energy Projects – Division of Hydropower Licensing

Location Where Interested Parties Can View or Obtain the Document: DNRC Helena Regional Office in Helena MT and Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC in Rigby ID

Part III. Criteria for Adopting Existing Environmental Review

- _X_Yes _No Does the existing environmental review cover an action paralleling or closely related to the proposed action?
- _X_Yes _No Is the information in the existing environmental review accurate and clearly presented?
- _X_Yes _No Is the information in the existing environmental review applicable to the action being considered?
- _X_Yes _No Were all appropriate Agencies consulted during preparation of the existing environmental review?
- _X_Yes _No Were alternatives to the proposed action evaluated as part of the existing environmental review effort?
- _X_Yes _No Have all of the impacts of the proposed action been accurately identified as part of the existing environmental review?
- _X_Yes _No If the existing environmental review identifies any significant impacts as a result of the proposed action, will they be mitigated below the level of significance?

Part IV. Conclusion

If the answers to ALL of the questions listed above are "Yes", the existing environmental review can be considered sufficient to satisfy DNRC's MEPA review responsibilities.

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Date: December 21, 2010

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