

**SOUTHWESTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)
DETERMINATION**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Hydroelectric Power Rate Increase for the Integrated System of Hydropower Projects.

PROPOSED BY:

Southwestern Power Administration.

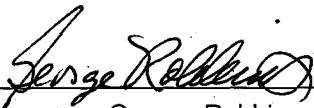
NUMBER AND TITLE OF THE CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION BEING APPLIED:

10 CFR 1021, Appendix B to Subpart D, 1-1-03 Edition, Part B4.3 - Electric power marketing rate changes.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS IN 10 CFR 1021.410(B):

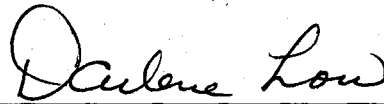
- (1) The proposed action fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to Subpart D.
- (2) There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and
- (3) The proposal is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

DETERMINATION: Based on our review of information conveyed to us and in our possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as Southwestern Power Administration's Director, Division of Resources and Rates and NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), respectively, we believe that the proposed action fits within the specified class of actions, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.



George Robbins
Director, Division of Resources and Rates
Southwestern Power Administration

Date: 10/25/2011



Darlene Low
NEPA Compliance Officer
Southwestern Power Administration

Date: 10/20/11