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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION

RECIPIENT: Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Div of Energy and Climate Climate **STATE:** DE

PROJECT TITLE : Replacing Traditional Electric Meters with Smart Electric Meters - City of Newark, DE

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000052	DE-EE0000342	GFO-0000342-001	

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

B1.7 Electronic equipment Acquisition, installation, operation, modification, and removal of electricity transmission control and monitoring devices for grid demand and response, communication systems, data processing equipment, and similar electronic equipment.

Rational for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided funding to the Delaware State Energy Office, Division of Energy and Climate (DE&C) under the DOE's 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-funded State Energy Program (SEP). DE&C selected the City of Newark's municipal electric utility (City) to receive $2.8M in an SEP-funded Revolving Loan.

The City proposes to use SEP funds to replace traditional electric meters with new "smart" electric meters (proposed project). The proposed project would be an energy savings performance contract with the Honeywell Corporation.

The proposed project would replace meters in residences, commercial facilities and industrial facilities and would replace approximately 12,000 meters throughout the City. The old meters would either be refurbished and sold for re-use or disposed of properly.

Based on a review of the proposed project and the above analysis, DOE has determined the proposed project will not have significant individual or cumulative impacts on the human environment. DOE has determined the purchase and installation of the above smart meters meets the definition of DOE categorical exclusion B1.7 "electronic equipment" and is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

DOE Funding: $2.8M
EF2a prepared by Melissa Rossiter

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 7/23/2012
NEPA Compliance Officer

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

☐ Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

☐ Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
☐ Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Field Office Manager