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



RECIPIENT: Illinois State University

STATE: IL

PROJECT TITLE : National Data Base of Utility Rates and Rate Structure

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000520	DE-EE0005350		0

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:

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Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

Rational for determination:

DOE is proposing to provide funding to Illinois State University (ISU) to design, populate, and maintain a complete national database of utility rates and rate design for making economic decisions regarding solar photovoltaic (PV) systems.

Illinois State University will participate in meetings, conferences, and database development work throughout the project period. ISU will also create a user manual, train research assistants, conduct research and surveys to build data sets relevant for input into a database of utility rates and rate structure. The end product is an information technology software tool.

This project comprises information gathering, data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation, and dissemination. CX A9 applies.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

DOE funds: \$850,000
Recipient share: \$0
Total Project Cost: \$850,00

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____

[Signature]
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: _____

11/16/2011

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION