

**DECISION RECORD
and
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
for**

Rebuilding and Upgrading of the Eklutna Transmission Line
and Constructing Two Switchyard Bypass Circuit Routes

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize the rebuild and upgrading of the Eklutna Transmission Line and the construction of two Switchyard Bypass Circuit Routes across Ft. Richardson land. The entire project area is located within, Seward Meridian, T. 14 N., R. 2 W., Secs. 2, 10, 11, 15, 21, and 22. The right-of-way will be subject to standard stipulations for the right-of-way and stipulations derived from the mitigation measures identified in the environmental assessment (see attached Stipulations).

II. Rationale for the Decision:

Upgrading this segment of the Eklutna Powerline to 230 kV metal towers as well as construction of Two Switchyard Bypass Circuit Routes will increase the system reliability and electrical service to the City of Anchorage. The Proposed Action is in conformance with the Southcentral Management Framework Plan (MFP), March 1980. Objective Number L-1 of the MFP states the BLM intends to "Satisfy state and local government needs as well as public and/or private demonstrated needs for land as they arise".

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

No restrictions of subsistence uses under Section 810 of ANILCA will occur as a result of this action. The land will return to the management of the Bureau of Land Management and will continue to be managed for subsistence purposes.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

Gary Reimer
Anchorage Field Manager

March 30, 2006

1 Attachment:

1-Environmental Assessment (AK-040-06-EA-012)