ATTACHMENT 5 – PRE-NEPA CONCURRENCE MEMORANDUM TEMPLATE

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To:	Karen Kelleher, Idaho State Director
Through:	, District Manager
From:	, Field Manager
Subject:	Concurrence Request to Initiate the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the Project Application

BACKGROUND:

The BLM ______ Field Office has a received an application for the [*insert project name*] located on public land within ______ county, Idaho. The Pre-NEPA Assessment Process as described in IM No. ID-2023-009 has been completed and the Authorized Officer has evaluated the application in accordance with 43 CFR 2804.25(e)(2)(iii). The attached briefing memorandum and Renewable Energy Factors Analysis Report provides additional information concerning the Pre-NEPA Assessment Process and the evaluation of the application.

RECOMMENDATION:

[*Incorporate one of the following recommendations and fill in the required information*] In accordance with IM No. ID-2023-009, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), _______ Field Office, has completed the pre-NEPA assessment process, evaluated the application, and has determined that it is appropriate to continue processing the application. BLM _______ Field Office is requesting concurrence from the State Director on our evaluation and determination of the application for the [*insert project name*].

In accordance with IM No. ID-2023-009, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), ______ Field Office, has completed the pre-NEPA assessment process, evaluated the application, and has determined that the application has deficiencies that need to be addressed by the applicant prior to proceeding with further processing. Prior to proceeding with further processing the applicant will need to [*identify deficiencies that need addressed*]. BLM ______ Field Office is requesting concurrence from the State Director on our evaluation and determination of the application for the [*insert project name*].

In accordance with IM No. ID-2023-009, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), ______ Field Office, has completed the pre-NEPA assessment process, evaluated the application, and has determined that the application has deficiencies that are unlikely to be adequately addressed and warrant denying the application. [*Describe the deficiencies, why they are unlikely to be able to be addressed, and how they are consistent with circumstances described in 43 CFR 2804.26)*]. BLM ______ Field Office is requesting concurrence from the State Director on our evaluation and determination of the application for the [*insert project name*].

CONCURRENCE BY THE STATE DIRECTOR:

□ CONCUR □ DO NOT CONCUR

Karen Kelleher Idaho State Director

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