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**Categorical Exclusion  
Temporary Use Right-of-Way**

**Applicant:  
City Electric /Forest Button**

**Case File Number:  
AA-86834**

**AK-040-07-CX-007**



**Location:**

Seward Meridian  
T. 14 N., R. 2 W., Section 11, NW $\frac{1}{4}$

End of Artillery Road on Fort Richardson

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December 12, 2006

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Anchorage Field Office  
**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM**

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CX No.: AK-040-07-CX-007

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: AA-86834

Proposed Action Title/Types: ROW site for a temporary staging area

Location of Proposed Action: NW¼, Section 11, T. 14 N., R. 2 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska

Description of Proposed Action: Storage of tractors, trailers, trucks, and various pieces of construction equipment for a term of one year while the proponent is installing the Eklutna power line. Although the grant will be for one year, the proponent expects to be finished with the power line's installation by spring.

The area is fenced and previously cleared of any vegetation.

Applicant (if any): Mr. Forest Button  
City Electric  
819 Orca Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

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**PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW**

This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan:

South Central Planning Area Management Framework Plan;  
Date Plan Approved: March 1980

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

Remarks: This action meets Lands Objective number L-1 'Satisfy state and local government needs as well as public and/or private demonstrated needs for the land as they arise.'

**PART II - NEPA REVIEW**

- A. Categorical Exclusion Review.  
 This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1. or 516 DM 11.5: E (19)  
 “Issuance of short-term (3 years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations for such uses as storage sites, apiary sites, and construction sites where the proposal includes rehabilitation to restore the land to its natural or original condition.”
- B. Departmental List of Extraordinary Circumstances Review.  
 The following Departmental List of Extraordinary Circumstances apply to individual actions. Departmental instructions mandate that environmental documents **MUST BE PREPARED** for actions which may: (Mark applicable answer for each item. If "yes", prepare an EA/EIS and append this form to it.)

		YES	NO
1.	Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety.	_____	_____ X
2.	Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	_____	_____ X
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	_____	_____ X
4.	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	_____	_____ X
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	_____	_____ X
6.	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	_____	_____ X
7.	Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for	_____	_____ X

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|     | listing on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.   | _____ | _____        |
| 8.  | Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.  | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 9.  | Violate Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.   | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 10. | Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).  | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 11. | Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).   | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
| 12. | Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112). | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |

I certify that none of the Departmental Extraordinary Circumstances listed in the above Part B (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action.

Remarks: None

Preparer(s): Shirley Rackley

Date: December 19, 2006

**PART III – DECISION**

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The proposed action is in conformance with a management framework plan or a resource management plan, 43 C.F.R. § 1610.8(a)(3) (2006). The Department of the Interior has determined and found that the proposed action is within a category of actions, which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and that neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required, 40 C.F.R. § 1508.4 (2006).

It is therefore my decision to implement the action, as described, with appropriate mitigation measures or stipulations.

Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks: The land shall be re-vegetated and the land's use shall be subject to appropriate stipulations attached to the grant.

Authorized Official: Gary Reimer    Date: January 4, 2007  
Field Manager