XIII. Waiver Relating to Highly Qualified Teachers

A. One Waiver Allowing Flexibility Regarding the Definition of “Highly Qualified Teacher”

A waiver allowing, through the 2018–2019 school year, New Mexico’s LEAs to apply to use the term “highly qualified teacher” to refer to a teacher who received a summative rating of “effective,” “highly effective,” or “exemplary” and, accordingly, has earned at least 50 percent of the possible student achievement measures in New Mexico’s teacher evaluation and support system, in lieu of meeting requirements in section 9101(23)(C)(ii) of the ESEA regarding subject-matter expertise.

Provision waived: Section 9101(23)(C)(ii) of the ESEA.

Waiver Applicant:
• New Mexico Public Education Department

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Jason Botel,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Availability of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI) and Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI)

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), DOE.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.
SUMMARY: Copies of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI), which contain the policy and establish the procedures that BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of its purchases of goods and services, including construction, are available in printed form or at the following Internet address: http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/business/bpi.

Copies of the Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI), which contain the policy and establish the procedures that BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of financial assistance instruments (principally grants and cooperative agreements), are available in printed form or available at the following Internet address: http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/business/bfa.

ADDRESSES: Unbound copies of the BPI or BFAI may be obtained by sending a request to the Head of the Contracting Activity, Routing CGP–7, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208–3621.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Head of the Contracting Activity (503) 230–5498.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BPA was established in 1937 as a Federal Power Marketing Agency in the Pacific Northwest. BPA operations are financed from rate payer revenues rather than annual appropriations. BPA’s purchasing operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 et seq. and related statutes. Pursuant to these special authorities, the BPI is promulgated as a statement of purchasing policy and as a body of interpretative regulations governing the conduct of BPA purchasing activities, and reflects BPA’s private sector approach to purchasing the goods and services that it requires. BPA’s financial assistance operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 et seq. and 16 U.S.C. 839 et seq. The BFAI express BPA’s financial assistance policy. The BFAI also comprise BPA’s rules governing implementation of the principles set forth in 2 CFR 200.

BPA’s solicitations and contracts include notice of applicability and availability of the BPI and the BFAI, as appropriate, for offerors to obtain information on particular purchases or financial assistance transactions.

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Nicholas M. Jenkins,
Manager, Purchasing/Property Governance.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Bonneville Power Administration

Klickitat Hatchery Upgrades

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and notice of floodplain and wetlands assessment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), BPA intends to prepare an EIS to determine whether to fund the Confederated Tribes of the Yakama Nation’s proposal to upgrade facilities at the Klickitat Hatchery. The hatchery produces spring and fall Chinook salmon and coho salmon, and is funded by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under the Mitchell Act. It is operated jointly by the Yakama Nation and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The hatchery is located in Klickitat County on property owned by WDFW, about seven miles east of Glenwood, Washington. The hatchery was built in 1954 and most of the facilities have not been renovated since then.

The one-time upgrades would include improving surface and groundwater water intakes, discharge piping, and pumps; rebuilding the pollution abatement system; updating sections of the hatchery building; and adding rearing tanks, a storage building, and possibly staff residences. The proposed upgrades would update old facilities and would facilitate increased production of spring Chinook by the Yakama Nation. BPA is not proposing to fund fish production or to take over any Mitchell Act funding for the hatchery. NMFS will be a cooperating agency on the EIS.

In accordance with U.S. Department of Energy floodplain and wetland regulations, BPA will analyze impacts to floodplains and wetlands as well as measures to avoid or minimize potential effects to these resources. The assessment will be included in the EIS.

With this Notice of Intent, BPA is initiating the public scoping process for the EIS. BPA is requesting comments about potential environmental impacts that should be considered as an EIS is prepared.

In addition, BPA is also providing notice of cancellation of DOE/EIS–0424 Klickitat Hatchery Complex Program. Based on public comments on the 2011 draft DOE/EIS–0424, as well as changes in agencies’ funding of various activities described in the EIS, BPA is canceling that environmental review process and will focus on the proposed Klickitat Hatchery Upgrades EIS.

DATES: Written comments are due to the address below no later than November 27, 2017. Comments may also be made at the scoping meeting to be held on October 25, 2017 at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed scope of the Draft EIS and requests to be placed on the project mailing list may be mailed by letter to Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office—DKE–7, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208–3621, or sent by fax to 503–230–4019. You may also call BPA’s toll-free comment hotline at 1–800–622–4519 and leave a message (please include the name of the project), or submit comments online at www.bpa.gov/comment. All comments received will be accessible from the project Web site at www.bpa.gov/goto/KlickitatHatcheryUpgrades.

On October 25, 2017, a scoping meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Lyle Lions Community Center, Highway 14 and Third Street, Lyle, Washington 98365. At this informal open-house meeting, BPA will provide project information and maps and will make members of the project team available to answer questions and accept oral and written comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Kennedy, Executive Manager Environmental Planning and Analysis, Bonneville Power Administration, EC–4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208–3621; toll-free telephone 1–800–282–3713; direct telephone 503–230–3769; or email dtkennedy@bpa.gov.

Additional information can be found at the project Web site: www.bpa.gov/goto/KlickitatHatcheryUpgrades.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Yakama Nation is proposing the Klickitat Hatchery upgrades to update old facilities and to facilitate a possible increase in production of spring Chinook salmon. Although the Klickitat population of spring Chinook is not listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), WDFW considers it depressed due to chronically low adult returns. On average, the Klickitat spring Chinook run comprises approximately 75% hatchery and 25% natural-origin fish. In addition, since 1994, low hatchery productivity has limited the average annual harvest in sport and Tribal fisheries in the Klickitat basin to 840 fish, although the overall project goal for in-basin sport and Tribal harvest is 3,000 adults annually.

BPA’s proposed funding of the Klickitat Hatchery upgrades would