**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION STATEMENT (EAS)**

Within the spirit and intent of the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other statutes, orders, and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following administrative record and have determined that the action of 1) right-of-way clearing and grading for temporary work areas, 2) site preparation, excavating, and pouring of footings, 3) assembling and setting power poles, 4) installing hardware on poles, 5) stringing and tensioning of new power lines, and 5) final clean-up and site reclamation of the covered area in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma:

__XX__ is a categorical exclusion as provided by 516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1 and no further NEPA documentation will be made.

_____ is found not to have significant environmental effects as determined by the attached Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

_____ is found to have significant effects, and therefore further consideration of this action will require a notice of intent to be published in the *Federal Register* announcing the decision to prepare an EIS.

_____ is not approved because of unacceptable environmental damage, or violation of Fish and Wildlife Service mandates, policies, regulations, or procedures.

_____ is an emergency action within the context of 40 CFR 1506.11. Only those actions necessary to control the immediate impacts of the emergency will be taken. Other related actions remain subject to NEPA review.

Other supporting documents:

__XX__ NEPA Screening Document
__XX__ Biological Opinion
__XX__ Findings Document

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Regional HCP Coordinator Date

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Branch Chief, Environmental Review Date

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Division Chief, Environmental Review Date

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Assistant Regional Director, Date
Ecological Services