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MEMORANDUM FOR ELLIOT E. MAINZER, ADMINISTRATOR and CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
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SUBJECT:

DIRECTIVES EXEMPTION APPROVAL MEMORANDUM

PURPOSE: To document BPA's exemption from DOE Order 415.1, *Information Technology Project Management and explain BPA's equivalent capabilities.*

BACKGROUND: This exemption memorandum provides documentation of BPA's exemption from DOE Order 415.1. BPA's exemption from this order is based on its self financing authority. The Administrator must assure that all acquisitions from the BPA Fund are consistent with statutory requirements. BPA maintains a robust IT Project Management Office and System Lifecycle methodology that aligns with this order. Specifically, BPA has equivalent requirements to section 4 of the order. BPA also has comprehensive capital management and asset management programs to ensure that BPA projects, including IT projects, are managed efficiently and effectively, and in accordance with the needs and expectations of the stakeholders. This memo documents the rationale for this exemption and describes the equivalencies that exist to assure that BPA complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

JUSTIFICATION: BPA's self-financing authority and other statutory requirements place significant responsibility to manage BPA in a business-like manner. To operate in a business-like manner, BPA must have strong capital planning and asset management functions.

Information technology project management is included as part of the critical business functions. In addition most of BPA's IT projects directly or indirectly support BPA's fundamental mission of delivering reliable electric power to customers.

BPA has equivalent processes to those described in this order and manages its IT projects through its IT Project Management Office (PMO). BPA's equivalencies for section 4 are the System Lifecycle (SLC) that requires all of the artifacts outlined in section 4 of the order, and IT Project Management Office (IT PMO) that requires the implementation of all of the methodologies, tools, and techniques outlined in section 4 of the order.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend that you approve this exemption document.

Elliot E. Mainzer, Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration

APPROVE: *Quinn* DISAPPROVE: _____ DATE: 6/26/15

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