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Mr. Nurul Islam
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Washington, DC 20250

**Subject: Elfin Cove Energy Infrastructure Projects –
Environmental Report for Categorically Excluded
Projects**

Dear Mr. Islam:

Please find enclosed for your review three (3) copies of the Elfin Cove Rural Utilities Service High Energy Cost Grant Environmental Report for Categorically Excluded Projects.

It is our belief the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) categorically excludes this type of project from the NEPA environmental assessment (EA) process. Documentation is required which substantiates the decision not to prepare an EA. Therefore an environmental report has been prepared for this project. In preparing the environmental report, it has been documented that the project does not pose a significant impact to the environment.

The scope of this project consists of renovating and upgrading an existing power generation and distribution system. The only new construction consists of extending a new electric service to Government Dock.

In the design, improvement, operation and maintenance of the Elfin Cove power generation, we would avoid any actions deemed detrimental to the quality of the environment. We affirm our intention to cooperate with any reasonable recommendations made by any local, state or federal environmental protection agency. We also affirm that work will stop and Rural Utilities Service and the State of Alaska, Office of History and Archaeology will be contacted if historic artifacts are discovered.



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enclosure as noted