

Processing category	Processing time	Conditions
1-4	60 calendar days	If processing your application will take longer than 60 calendar days, BLM will notify you in writing of this fact prior to the 30th calendar day and inform you of when you can expect a final decision on your application.
5	As specified in the Master Agreement.	BLM will process applications as specified in the Agreement.
6	Over 60 calendar days	BLM will notify you in writing within the initial 60-day processing period of the estimated processing time.

(d) Before issuing a grant, BLM will:

(1) Complete a NEPA analysis for the application or approve a NEPA analysis previously completed for the application, as required by 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508;

(2) Determine whether or not your proposed use complies with applicable Federal and state laws;

(3) If your application is for a road, determine whether it is in the public interest to require you to grant the United States an equivalent authorization across lands that you own;

(4) Consult, as necessary, with other governmental entities;

(5) Hold public meetings if sufficient public interest exists to warrant their time and expense. BLM will publish a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER, a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the lands involved, or both, announcing in advance any public hearings or meetings; and

(6) Take any other action necessary to fully evaluate and decide whether to approve or deny your application.

§ 2804.26 Under what circumstances may BLM deny my application?

(a) BLM may deny your application if:

(1) The proposed use is inconsistent with the purpose for which BLM manages the public lands described in your application;

(2) The proposed use would not be in the public interest;

(3) You are not qualified to hold a grant;

(4) Issuing the grant would be inconsistent with the Act, other laws, or these or other regulations;

(5) You do not have or cannot demonstrate the technical or financial capability to construct the project or operate facilities within the right-of-way; or

(6) You do not adequately comply with a deficiency notice (see § 2804.25(b) of this subpart) or with any BLM requests for additional information needed to process the application.

(b) If BLM denies your application, you may appeal this decision under § 2801.10 of this part.

§ 2804.27 What fees do I owe if BLM denies my application or if I withdraw my application?

If BLM denies your application or you withdraw it, you owe the processing fee set forth at § 2804.14 of this subpart, unless you have a Processing Category 5 or 6 application. Then, the following conditions apply:

(a) If BLM denies your Processing Category 5 or 6 application, you are liable for all reasonable costs that the United States incurred in processing it. The money you have not paid is due within 30 calendar days after receiving a bill for the amount due.

(b) You may withdraw your application in writing before BLM issues a grant. If you do so, you are liable for all reasonable processing costs the United States has incurred up to the time you withdraw the application and for the reasonable costs of terminating your application. Any money you have not paid is due within 30 calendar days after receiving a bill for the amount due. Any money you paid that is not used to cover costs the United States incurred as a result of your application will be refunded to you.

§ 2804.28 What processing fees must I pay for a BLM grant application associated with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licenses or re-license applications under part I of the Federal Power Act (FPA)?

(a) You must reimburse BLM for the costs which the United States incurs in

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processing your grant application associated with a FERC project, other than those described at §2801.6(b)(7) of this part. BLM also requires reimbursement for processing a grant application associated with a FERC project licensed before October 24, 1992, that involves the use of additional public lands outside the original area reserved under section 24 of the FPA.

(b) BLM will determine the amount you must pay by using the processing fee categories described at §2804.14 of this subpart and bill you for the costs. FERC will address other costs associated with processing a FERC license or relicense (*see* 18 CFR chapter I).

§ 2804.29 What activities may I conduct on the lands covered by the proposed right-of-way while BLM is processing my application?

(a) You may conduct casual use activities on the BLM lands covered by the application, as may any other member of the public. BLM does not require a grant for casual use on BLM lands.

(b) For any activities on BLM lands that are not casual use, you must obtain prior BLM approval.

Subpart 2805—Terms and Conditions of Grants

§ 2805.10 How will I know whether BLM has approved or denied my application?

(a) BLM will send you a written response on your application. If we do not deny the application, we will send you an unsigned grant for your review and signature that:

(1) Includes any terms, conditions, and stipulations that BLM determines to be in the public interest. This includes modifying your proposed use or changing the route or location of the facilities;

(2) May include terms that prevent your use of the right-of-way until you have an approved Plan of Development and BLM has issued a Notice to Proceed; and

(3) Will impose a specific term for the grant. Each grant that BLM issues for 20 or more years will contain a provision requiring periodic review at the end of the twentieth year and subse-

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quently at 10-year intervals. BLM may change the terms and conditions of the grant as a result of these reviews in accordance with §2805.15(e) of this subpart.

(b) If you agree with the terms and conditions of the unsigned grant, you should sign and return it to BLM with any payment required under §2805.16 of this subpart. BLM will sign the grant and return it to you with a final decision issuing the grant if the regulations in this part, including §2804.26, remain satisfied. You may appeal this decision under §2801.10 of this part.

(c) If BLM denies your application, we will send you a written decision that will:

(1) State the reasons for the denial (*see* §2804.26 of this part);

(2) Identify any processing costs you must pay (*see* §2804.14 of this part); and

(3) Notify you of your right to appeal this decision under §2801.10 of this part.

§ 2805.11 What does a grant contain?

The grant states what your rights are on the lands subject to the grant and contains information about:

(a) *What lands you can use or occupy.* The lands may or may not correspond to those for which you applied. BLM will limit the grant to those lands which BLM determines:

(1) You will occupy with authorized facilities;

(2) Are necessary for constructing, operating, maintaining, and terminating the authorized facilities;

(3) Are necessary to protect the public health and safety;

(4) Will not unnecessarily damage the environment; and

(5) Will not result in unnecessary or undue degradation.

(b) *How long you can use the right-of-way.* Each grant will state the length of time that you are authorized to use the right-of-way.

(1) BLM will consider the following factors in establishing a reasonable term:

(i) The public purpose served;

(ii) Cost and useful life of the facility;

(iii) Time limitations imposed by licenses or permits required by other Federal agencies and state, tribal, or local governments; and