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In reply refer to: KDP-7

Columbia Research Corporation
Mr. Dan Seligman
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RE: FOIA Request #05-019

Dear Mr. Seligman:

Thank you for your letter of January 11, 2005 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act. In your letter you request copies of all "final actions" – including correspondence to customers or private parties – prepared from January 1, 2000, pursuant to the Northwest Power Act or other statutes, and which are not contained in a ROD posted on BPA's web site. Our office received your faxed request on January 13, 2005 and designated as FOIA #05-019.

You have agreed to pay costs up to \$100. We are unable to conduct a reasonable search because the broad scope of your request does not describe the records sought to allow BPA's staff to reasonably ascertain exactly which records are being requested, so that any responsive records can be located. As described, your request could potentially apply to an inordinately broad range of documents within the agency since January 1, 2000. 10 CFR 1004.4(b) requires that the records must be reasonably described, including where possible, specific information such as dates, titles, file designations and other information which may help identify the records. Categorical requests must be specific enough to enable BPA to identify and locate the records requested by a process that is not unreasonably burdensome or disruptive of BPA's operations. 10 CFR 1004.4(c).

In addition, it is certain that costs to respond to your request as written will far exceed the \$100 fee ceiling you have set. Therefore, we have not appointed an authorizing official, nor started the FOIA search and review process.

At this time, we are providing you an opportunity to be more specific in the scope, or specify narrower time periods for this FOIA request, or to contact this office for assistance in reformulating your request. 10 CFR 1004.4(c)(2). We ask that you resubmit your request as well as provide agreement to pay fees associated with fulfilling your request. If you would like

an estimate of fees before proceeding, we will attempt to provide one to you. We will await your response. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you may contact me at mail stop KDP-7 or at 503-230-5110.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annie Eissler".

Annie Eissler
Freedom of Information Officer