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November 9, 2005

In reply refer to: DK-7

Mr. Douglas Kamla
Snohomish County PUD No. 1
2320 California St.
Everett, WA 98206

RE: FOIA Request #06-004

Dear Mr. Kamla:

Thank you for your letter of October 27, 2005, requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act. In your letter, you requested a copy of the data in the following BPA production database tables:

PS_PROJ_RESOURCE,
PS_JRNL_HEADER,
PS_JRNL_LN,

starting with the inception of the Bonneville Enterprise System through September 30, 2005.

Your request was received by our office on November 7, 2005, and has been logged in as FOIA #06-004. Prior to the processing of this request, you have asked to be contacted if copy and search expenses exceed \$250.

Ms. Bena Kluegel, supervisory accountant, has been designated as Authorizing Official for your request. Ms. Kluegel has 20 working days, until December 7, 2005, to provide a response. Should you have any questions, Ms. Kluegel may be reached at Mail Stop KRFO-2 or by calling 503-230-3573.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Brannon

Christina J. Brannon
Freedom of Information Officer



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November 21, 2005

In reply refer to: DK-7

Mr. Douglas Kamla
Snohomish PUD No. 1
2320 California St.
Everett, WA 98206

RE: FOIA #06-004 Fee Estimate

Dear Mr. Kamla:

I am contacting you regarding the fee estimate for processing your request.

You requested a copy of the data in the following BPA production database tables, from the inception of the Bonneville Enterprise System through September 30, 2005:

PS_PROJ_RESOURCE,
PS_JRNL_HEADER, and
PS_JRNL_LN.

In your request, you stated that you would pay fees of up to \$250, but that if fee estimates exceeded this amount, you wanted to be contacted before BPA proceeded with your request.

Providing a copy of the PS_JRNL_HEADER and PS_JRNL_LN tables can be accomplished within the \$250. However, we estimate additional search and review costs of \$2,000 to provide you with the PS_PROJ_RESOURCE table.

The reason for this additional cost is the need for BPA accountants and financial analysts to review the data in the table for proprietary information of BPA's contractors under Exemption 4, and for personal BPA employee information under Exemption 6. This review will take some time, as the PS_PROJ_RESOURCE table contains an enormous amount of data. Over 280,000 rows of data are processed each month. We estimate that through September 30, 2005, this table contains over 13 million rows of data with approximately 140 columns for each row.

For BPA to consider your request perfected to begin the 20-working-day response time allowed by FOIA, we require your signed agreement to pay the estimated fee. Please provide your signature on the second page of this letter indicating your agreement to pay the estimated fees and return it to us. On receipt of your written agreement to pay for the fees, we will give you a due date for completing your request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 503/230-7303, or mail stop DK-7.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Brannon

Christina J. Brannon
Freedom of Information Officer

For BPA's official records, please sign in the space indicated below that you accept the estimation of fees contained in this letter dated November 17, 2005, regarding FOIA request #06-004 and return by mail.

Mr. Douglas Kamla



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January 10, 2006

In reply refer to: DK-7

Mr. Lloyd Jordan
Snohomish PUD No. 1
2320 California St.
Everett, WA 98206

RE: FOIA #06-004 Fee Waiver Request and Fee Estimate

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am contacting you about your response to BPA's request for information regarding your requestor status. You requested a copy of the data in the following BPA production database tables, from the inception of the Bonneville Enterprise System through September 30, 2005:

PS_PROJ_RESOURCE,
PS_JRNL_HEADER, and
PS_JRNL_LN.

In the fax we received on Dec. 1, 2005, you stated that as a non-profit public utility district, you are entitled to reduced fees for furnishing the requested documents regardless of requestor status. Additionally, your offer to pay up to \$250 remains.

Providing a copy of the PS_JRNL_HEADER and PS_JRNL_LN tables can be accomplished within the \$250, which we will provide to you and will send you under separate cover an invoice for \$250. However, we estimate additional search and review costs of \$2,000 to provide you with the PS_PROJ_RESOURCE table, which we are willing to release on receipt of payment for this information.

The reason for this additional cost is the need for BPA accountants and financial analysts to review the data in the table for proprietary information of BPA's contractors under Exemption 4, and for personal BPA employee information under Exemption 6. This review will take some time, as the PS_PROJ_RESOURCE table contains an enormous amount of data. Over 280,000 rows of data are processed each month. We estimate that through September 30, 2005, this table contains over 13 million rows of data with approximately 140 columns for each row.

BPA has decided to deny your request for a reduction in fees. In your fax, you stated that you intend to use the database tables to make detailed recommendations for operational cost reductions to BPA. However, you have not adequately shown how this information would

significantly contribute to public understanding of the operations and activities at BPA. While we recognize that Snohomish County Public Utility District (PUD) is a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, formed by a majority vote of the people for the purpose of providing electric and/or water utility service, we do not see how disclosure of this information would not contribute to your commercial interests.

BPA offered the Power Function Review public involvement process in 2005 in order to provide participants the opportunity to see the power program costs in a way that provides a clear and meaningful understanding of what is driving costs over time and in a format that is specific to each program. The program details provided in the PFR were based on audited actual results as well as forecast and rolled up to categories that made up each program in order to help inform the participants of the major expense categories and the drivers that were influencing those costs. In addition, BPA followed up with written answers to questions participants asked in the workshops that were not easily answered by the program managers in the workshops. This month BPA is kicking off the PFR II process in order to take one more look at power costs at a program level prior to finalizing its rates in order to ensure the FY07–FY09 power rates are as low as possible while still meeting its business objectives. We welcome your participation in the PFR II and will be happy to answer questions pertaining to program levels and drivers in those workshops.

For BPA to consider your request perfected to begin the 20-working-day response time allowed by FOIA, we require your signed agreement to pay the estimated fee. Please provide your signature on the second page of this letter indicating your agreement to pay the estimated fees and return it to us. On receipt of your written agreement to pay for the fees, we will give you a due date for completing your request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 503/230-7303, or mail stop DK-7.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Brannon

Christina J. Brannon
Freedom of Information Officer

For BPA's official records, please sign in the space indicated below that you accept the estimation of fees contained in this letter dated December 6, 2005, regarding FOIA request #06-004 and return by mail.

Mr. Lloyd Jordan
Senior Project Manager
Power and Transmission Services
Snohomish County PUD No.1