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Annie Eissler, FOIA Officer
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Hello,

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request copies of records concerning BPA's consideration of and preparation for the effects of climate change and how they may affect its operation.

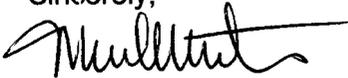
As you know, there is increasing evidence of the effects climate change may have on the region's hydropower operations through reduced water supplies and shifts in the timing of runoff. This is expected to affect BPA's operations in many different ways, including the amount of energy generated and the revenues received for it. I am seeking copies of any and all records pertaining to BPA's consideration of such possible changes. This would include, but is not limited to, emails or correspondence within the BPA or with outside parties related to the potential impacts of climate change or concerns surrounding them; any analyses or reports examining, weighing or considering such effects or the likelihood of them; policy, briefing or issue papers on this or related subjects; and any other written discussion of the possible ramifications of climate change on the BPA or its operations.

If you determine that fees for making these documents available exceed \$30, please notify me prior to filling the request.

However, I am making this request as a member of the news media for the purposes of reporting on the ramifications of climate change in the Northwest. This is a matter of increasing public concern and importance, and the BPA's role as one of the major suppliers in the region places it in the position of dealing with these ramifications. My newspaper is one of the largest newspapers in the region and consistently reports on BPA and climate change as a matter of wide public interest. Therefore, I request that you waive any fees related to this request. If you choose to deny any portion of this request, please provide an itemized list of the information denied and cite the exemption you feel justifies your refusal to release each document.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Michael Milstein

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