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In reply refer to: DK-7

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RE: FOIA #08-009

Dear Ms. Toulson:

This is your final response to your request for information that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

You have requested the following either in hard copy or electronically on CD-ROM or DVD-ROM:

1. The business case developed by the Bonneville Power Administration ("Bonneville") for the proposed expansion of the California-Oregon Intertie (also known as the "Third AC Intertie" or "COI"), including analysis of the costs and benefits of the project and any executive summaries, keys to assumptions used in the business case, and other supporting documentation.
2. Bonneville's analysis of any alternatives to the currently proposed project on the COI (including alternatives considered in prior years), including costs of and benefits arising from, where alternative construction options or alternative commercial options were considered, including supporting documentation and studies.
3. Any Bonneville presentation materials or other documents describing the currently proposed project on the COI, including materials utilized in presentations to regional planning and/or coordinating groups, including ColumbiaGrid and the Northwest Transmission Assessment Committee ("NTAC").
4. Reports and other documents discussing and/or analyzing the simulation of effects of alternatives to the currently proposed project on COI operations (including alternatives considered in prior years,) including supporting documents and studies.
5. Reports and other documents or studies discussing or analyzing the cost of upgrades required to achieve an increase in the Rated Transfer Capacity of the COI to any rating above 4800, including supporting documentation and studies.

BPA has provided you responsive records marked Documents 1 thru 19. Documents 2 thru 12 and Documents 14 thru 19 have been released to you in their entirety. Document 1 has some information redacted on the Capital Allocation Board (CAB) Agenda as being non-responsive to your FOIA Request and some information on Pages 4 and 5, withheld under Exemption 5, U.S.C. 552(b)(5) of the FOIA. Document 13 has some information on the last page of the document withheld under Exemption 6, U.S.C. 552(b)(6) of the FOIA.

Exemption 5 incorporates the deliberative process privilege which protects advice, recommendations, and opinions that are part of the process by which agency decisions and policies are formulated. Exemption 5 also protects attorney client information, which are communications between attorney and client that relate to a legal matter for which the client has sought professional advice.

Exemption 6 protects from mandatory disclosure "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." A home and personal cell phone number have been redacted from Document 13.

The withheld information is of a highly personal nature and the individual to whom it pertains has an expectation that it will remain private. Disclosure of this information could subject the individual in question to unwanted communications, attention, and harassment that would intrude into his personal life. Moreover, disclosure of this information would not reveal any aspect about the operations or activities of the Government.

Due to new FOIA Legislation, PL 110-175, Section 6 of "The Open Government Act of 2007", there will be no charge for your request because BPA exceeded the 20 working-day and 10 working-day extension, in responding to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with our determination, you may appeal within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. Both the envelope and the letter must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. If you have any questions about this response, please contact Laura M. Atterbury, FOIA Specialist, at 503-230-7305.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Brannon

Christina J. Brannon
Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer

Enclosure(s):
Responsive documents