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February 6, 2008

In reply refer to: DK-7

Mr. Richard Bonham

RE: FOIA #08-023

Dear Mr. Bonham:

Thank you for the 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 asked for and electronic copy of the following records:
A breakdown of spending on information technology contracts by BPA (the entire agency, including TBL, PBL and any organization within the Agency) from July 1, 2007, to present, broken out by vendor, contract number, original project cost estimate, original performance period, description of project purpose, actual project cost (to date) and actual project performance period.

Mr. Chris Nielsen, Supervisory Contract Specialist, Professional & Services Purchasing, has been designated as Authorizing Official for your request. Mr. Nielsen has 20 working days, until Monday, March 3, 2008, to provide a response. Should you have any questions, Mr. Nielsen may be reached by calling 503-230-3612.

In your letter you agreed to pay $20 associated with the processing of the request. You also requested a waiver or reduction of processing fees.

The FOIA provides that "[d]ocuments shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established under clause (ii) if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." See 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). The DOE has implemented this statutory standard for fee waivers or reduced fees in its FOIA regulation at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(a)(8).

Although you have requested a waiver or reduction of fees, you have not addressed the criteria established in that section. The regulation sets forth the following pertinent factors that are considered by the agency in applying the criteria:

(1) The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government;"

(2) The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities;

(3) The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter; and

(4) The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

If you would like your request for a waiver or reduction of fees to be considered, please provide additional information that addresses the factors to Laura M. Atterbury, of my staff. You should provide the information to her by Friday, February 15, 2008. A decision about a waiver of fees or reduced fees will be made after receipt of the information. If additional information is not received from you by that date, we will consider your request for a waiver withdrawn and will process the request in accordance with your agreement to pay up to $20 in fees, furthermore; we will contact you should the charges appear to be over that amount.

For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation at 10 CFR 1004.9(b)(4), as an "other" requester. In this category, you are entitled to two free hours of search time and 100 pages of duplication at no cost.

The above referenced number has been assigned to the request and you should refer to it in correspondence with the BPA about this matter. I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have questions about the processing of the request, you may contact Ms. Atterbury, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist in the FOIA Office, by calling 503-230-7305.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Brannon

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

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February 11, 2008

In reply refer to: DK-7

Mr. Richard Bonham

RE: FOIA #08-023

Dear Mr. Bonham:

This letter is a follow-up from our phone conversation with you today, on Monday, February 11, 2008, at which time the scope of your request was narrowed to the following and you have agreed to pay up to $130.00 in charges related to the FOIA request.

You are now asking for the information below on all IT Contracts from PBL, TBL and Corporate starting with the date of July 1, 2007 to the present:

1. Contract Title
2. Contract Start Date
3. Contract End Date
4. Contract Value
5. Contract Authorization
6. Contract Status
7. WO # of Contract
8. Task # of Contract

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

Sincerely,

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February 28, 2008

In reply refer to: DK-7

Mr. Richard Bonham

RE: FOIA #08-023

Dear Mr. Bonham:

This letter is in your response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that you made from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) on February 2, 2008.

BPA is unable to complete its response by the due date previously assigned. Therefore, as permitted by statute, BPA is taking a 10 working-day extension to complete its response. BPA will complete its response to your request by Monday, March 17, 2008.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Brannon

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