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In reply refer to: DK-7

Mr. Daniel Seligman
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RE: FOIA #08-040

Dear Mr. Seligman:

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 requested the following:

1. A copy of the contracts, plus amendments and exhibits, between the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Knowmadic, Inc., signed between 2000 and 2003.

Response: BPA has provided 109 pages of responsive documents with names of individuals, along with signatures, redacted and withheld under Exemption 6 of the FOIA on pages 1, 6, 57 thru 60, 65, 70 and 71, 77 thru 85, 91 thru 94, 98, 101 and 102, 106, 107 and 109.

2. The sole source justification, if any, for BPA to hire Knowmadic without a competitive solicitation.

Response: BPA has provided the responsive documents in their entirety.

3. All invoices submitted by Knowmadic to BPA, pursuant to the contract(s) above.

Response: BPA has provided 447 pages of responsive documents with pages 2, 4, 17, 74 and 75, 92, 100, 251, 349, 381 thru 382 and 385 thru 387 released in their entirety. The remainder of the documents has names of individuals, along with signatures, redacted and withheld under Exemption 6 of the FOIA.

4. All communications between BPA and Knowmadic on any subject. The term "communications" means all letters, memoranda, faxes, emails and their attachments (whether generated by BPA, Knowmadic or a third party) and any other document sent or received in hard copy or electronic form. BPA refers to all executives, managers, employees, contractors, consultants and agents of the agency.

Due to the size of the responsive documents they can not be posted on the web. Please contact the BPA Freedom of Information Act Office at 503-230-7305 to obtain a copy.

Response: As per your email on April 17, 2008, you have decided to omit this item from your original request.

In determining whether the names of the individuals, along with signatures, are required to be released under the FOIA, we balanced the privacy interests in the information against the public interest served by the disclosure. Exemption 6 is intended to protect individuals from the injury and embarrassment that could result from unnecessary disclosure of personal information. Furthermore, BPA has determined that disclosure of this information would not further the public interest.

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures: Responsive Documents