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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

January 2, 2009

In reply refer to: DK-7

Mr. Terry B. Armentrout

RE: FOIA #09-015

Dear Mr. Armentrout:

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. Your letter was received in this office on Thursday, December 18, 2008, and has been assigned a controlled number, 09-015. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

After reviewing your request, it was determined that you addressed all the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA, DOE, and BPA regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004. You have agreed to pay \$25.00 in fees.

You had requested the following:

A copy of letters (between 1999 and 2004) signed by the Administrator requesting the Commander of the Corps of Engineers to reduce operation and maintenance cost at Corps of Engineer operated power facilities. Plus any Corps of Engineers response to such a request.

Response:

BPA has provided and enclosed four documents, in their entirety, that are responsive to your request.

Ms. Ann Yoakum, who maintains Executive correspondence signed by the Administrator, was designated as the Authorizing Official for your request. Should you have any questions, you may contact Ms. Yoakum by calling 503-230-7685.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you may make an appeal within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue., SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. Both the envelope and letter must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." There is no charge for this request.

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,

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

Enclosures: Responsive Documents



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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In reply refer to: PGF-6

Brigadier General David A. Fastabend
Commander, North Pacific Region
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – CENWD-DE
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Dear General Fastabend:

I want to thank you and your staff for the contributions you have made in helping the FCRPS deal with incredible operational and financial challenges the last several months and to ask you for a continued aggressive focus on cost management through the remaining years of the FY 2002-2006 rate period. Our partnership has enhanced our ability to restore the generating assets to the performance that the region should expect from us at costs that are among the lowest in the industry. We are committed to achieving the desired performance for these assets in the long term for the benefit of the region.

We must approach these long-term objectives in an environment of new financial challenges. Through our JOC processes your staff has been kept informed of our financial challenges and has made significant changes to the planned expenditures of '02 and '03. We need your help in BPA's struggle against major cost escalations in the remaining years of our current rate period (through FY 2006). We have already raised power rates over 40 percent to our Northwest customers since September 2001. The PNW consumers can ill afford more cost pressure in this economy. As described in the JOC meetings, important program decisions that will govern our cost structure for the next several years are to be made in November. These decisions will, to a large extent, define whether our rates through 2006 go up or down or stay constant. As you know, these decisions are coming in a highly visible regional process that we are conducting, with all costs being on the table. To make these decisions by mid-November, we need updated cost estimates for the remainder of the rate period, and therefore need the JOC to provide a new 5-year (04-08) O&M budget by September 30.

The hydrosystem is the very foundation of benefits for the region. Through our partnership we must ensure that it is managed to its lowest cost while providing a safe and reliable power supply. Together BPA and The Corps can and will create the better future for the people we both serve. We have done it before.

Sincerely,

Steven G. Hickok
Deputy Administrator

