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In reply refer to: DK-7

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RE: FOIA #BPA-2010-00613-F

Dear Mr. Seligman:

Thank you for 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 Monday, December 14, 2009, and has been assigned a control number, BPA-2010-00613-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Department about your request.

You requested the following:

This FOIA request seeks to obtain additional documents regarding EPA's relationship with the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE"):

- 1) A copy of all orders, directives, rules, regulations, standards, practices or policies of BPA or the DOE (excluding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) that describe under what circumstances BPA seeks permission from the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Energy before BPA undertakes an action or makes a decision.
- 2) A copy of all requests from BPA to the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Energy since January 1, 2000, in which BPA expressly asked in writing for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Energy to permit, approve or otherwise act on a proposed BPA decision before BPA went ahead. Excluded from this request are BPA personnel decisions (e.g., promotions, reprimands, etc.) and BPA decisions related to homeland security (e.g., preventing terrorist attacks).
- 3) A copy of all written responses from the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Energy to the requests in item #2 above.

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. In your letter you agreed to pay up to \$50.00 in fees and have asked to be contacted if the charges appear to be higher.

Ms. Debra L. Smiley, Compliance Specialist, Agency Governance & Internal Governance, has been designated as Authorizing Official for your request. Ms. Smiley has 20 working-days, until Tuesday, January 12, 2010, to provide a response. Should you have any questions regarding this request, Ms. Smiley may be reached by calling 503-230-3084.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Brannon

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