

COLUMBIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

P.O. Box 99249 • Seattle, Washington 98139 • Phone (206) 285-1185 • email: seligman48@seanet.com

December 14, 2009

Ms. Christina Brannon
FOIA Office
Bonneville Power Administration
Routing: DK-7
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208

RECEIVED BY BPA FOIA OFFICE THIS DATE: 12-14-09
DUE DATE: 1-12-10
LOG# BPA-2010- 00013-F

SUBJECT: FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Brannon:

In response to prior requests under the Freedom of Information Act, the Bonneville Power Administration ("BPA") released its "30-60-90 Day Reports" to the Secretary of Energy. Those documents show that BPA rarely, if at all, asks the Secretary to approve BPA actions in advance.

This FOIA request seeks to obtain additional documents regarding BPA'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.

Ms. Christina Brannon
December 14, 2009
Page 2

I am willing to pay \$50 for search and copy charges. Please call me if you expect the charges to exceed that amount.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Dan Seligman
Attorney at Law

cc: Mr. Dirk Borges, General Manager, Canby Utility