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In reply refer to: DK-7

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FOIA #BPA-2010-00666-F

Dear Mr. Olsen:

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 28, 2009, and has been assigned a control number, BPA-2010-00666-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Department about your request.

You have requested the following:

- Any and all communications between the Bonneville Power Administration, its lobbyists, government relations personnel whether employees or contractors, and Northwest River Partners, any and all private industry groups, any and all government agencies including NOAA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and Congressional staff regarding efforts to place news stories, editorials, op-eds, letters to the editor and any other sort of public relations document since January 1, 2009 through the date of this request related to the Columbia-Snake salmon restoration and recovery issue, including but not limited to the 2008 Biological Opinion for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS), the September 15, 2009 Adaptive Management Implementation Plan (AMIP), or the federal court case pending in the U.S. District Court in Oregon about these agency decisions, *National Wildlife Federation v. National Marine Fisheries Service*.
- Any and all records including invoices, per diem payments, travel expenses of any kind including meals, mileage, airfare, lodging, and any other expense related to Bonneville Power Administration's public relations efforts (as described above) beginning on January 1, 2009 through the date of this request with regard to the Columbia-Snake salmon restoration and recovery issue, including but not limited to the 2008 FCRPS

Biological Opinion, the AMIP, and the case *National Wildlife Federation v. NMFS* pending before U.S. District Judge James Redden.

- Any and all documents and records that tally or that could assist in tallying all of the hours Bonneville Power Administration, its government and media relations personnel, contractors, and/or lobbyists and its partners put forth as part of said public relations effort related to the Columbia-Snake salmon recovery effort and the *National Wildlife Federation v. NMFS* court case.
- Any and all documents and records that tally or that could assist in tallying all of the expenses related to this public relations effort, including wages and salaries for any and all personnel involved.

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 have asked for a fee waiver along with expedited processing. I have **granted** a fee waiver for your request; however, you have not met the “compelling need” threshold for expedited processing, so your request will be processed as a complex request in the multi-track timeline of 20 working days.

Mr. Michael Milstein, Public Affairs Specialist (Media), Public Relations, has been designed as the Authorizing Official for your request. Mr. Milstein has twenty (20) working-days, until COB on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, to provide a response. Should you have any questions regarding this request, Mr. Milstein may be reached by calling 503-230-4215.

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