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In reply refer to: DK-7

Mr. Chris Witthaus

RE: FOIA #BPA-2010-00738-F
(transferred FOIA #HQ-2010-00626-F)

Dear Mr. Witthaus:

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 transferred from DOE HQ Office and received in this office on Friday, January 8, 2010, and has been assigned a BPA control number, #BPA-2010-00738-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

You have requested:

Information on Smart Cards, specifically for all documentation that instructs those implementing this program (security management and staff) on accommodations of employee personal, religious, or cultural objections to background checks and or collection of biometric information. You also asked for instruction on how to accommodate employees whose biometrics cannot be obtained due to physical deformity, injury, surgery, or other causes.

We have reviewed your letter and have determined that it addresses all the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004. You have agreed to pay up to \$100.00 in fees associated with the request.

Mr. Pete Jeter, Security Officer, Security and Emergency Response, has been assigned as the Authorizing Official for your request. Mr. Jeter has twenty (20) working-days to respond to your request. If you need to contact Mr. Jeter, he can be reached by calling 503-230-5148.

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,

/s/ Christina J. Brannon

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