



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

September 14, 2010

In reply refer to: DK-7

Richard Till
Conservation Legal Advocate
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
522 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 720
Portland, OR 97204

RE: BPA-2010-02068-F

Dear Mr. Till:

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, September 13, 2010, and has been assigned a control number, BPA-2010-02068-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

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. Your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

You requested the following:

Access to and copies of all public records, including but not limited to all documents, notes, staff reports, emails, text messages, computer files, research, testing reports, and audio and video recordings, relating to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Any records already posted on BPA's web site are excluded from this request, but all other records are included in the request.

The request includes, but is not limited to, the following categories of records:

1. All comments from the public, including comments on the scope of the EIS and any comments on the DEIS itself.
2. Any communications between the BPA and the following persons and entities:
 - Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC);
 - State agencies or officials (including elected officials);
 - Federal Agencies or officials (including elected officials);
 - Any consultants and/or contractors involved in the preparation and/or review of the DEIS and/or application for site certificate;

- Whistling Ridge Energy LLC (WRE), including all related entities such as the SDS Lumber Company, as well as WRE's attorneys and other representatives; and
 - WRE's consultants, including but not limited to URS Corp. and West Inc.
3. Any meeting notes, agendas, or other related records generated from meetings between EFSEC, BPA, and consultants.

Mr. Andrew M. Montano, Environmental Project Manager, Environmental Protection Specialist, has been designated as Authorizing Officials for your request. Mr. Montano, has twenty (20) working-days to respond to your request. You may contact Mr. Montano by calling (503) 230-4145. The due date for a response to you is Friday, October 8, 2010.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Laura M. Atterbury, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist at (503) 230-7305 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Munro

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



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October 8, 2010

In reply refer to: DK-7

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RE: BPA-2010-02068-F

Dear Mr. Till:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is taking an allowed ten working-day extension starting Thursday, October 14, 2010, to respond to your request for copies of all public records, including but not limited to all documents, notes, staff reports, emails, text messages, computer files, research, testing reports, and audio and video recordings, relating to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Any records already posted on BPA's web site are excluded from this request, but all other records are included in the request.

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Any meeting notes, agendas, or other related records generated from meetings between EFSEC, BPA, and consultants.

The new due date for a response to you is Wednesday, October 27, 2010.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Laura M. Atterbury, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist at (503) 230-7305 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro
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