

# FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

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September 10, 2010

RE: FOIA REQUEST - Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, Friends of the Columbia Gorge ("Friends"), requests from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) 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:

- All comments from the public, including comments on the scope of the EIS and any comments on the DEIS itself.
- 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, Broughton Lumber Company, and Stephenson Land Company, as well as WRE's attorneys and other representatives; and
  - WRE's consultants, including but not limited to URS Corp. and West Inc.
- Any meeting notes, agendas, or other related records generated from meetings between EFSEC, BPA, and consultants.

Friends would like to receive the information in electronic format.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities related to the environmental review of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Materials would be provided to a federally registered non-profit organization that reviews

and comments on environmental review and permitting processes for energy production facilities and transmission facilities, including the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Waiving fees would facilitate this work and allows the organization to disseminate information to the interested public. Information could be disseminated through the organization's membership, print newsletters, e-mail newsletters, partner organizations, and numerous media contacts. The organization would not obtain any monetary profit from the release of information or from a waiver of fees. The information is sought solely for the purpose of advancing the organization's public interest mission.

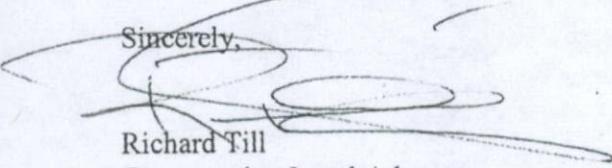
In the event that any applicable fees are not waived, please contact me directly if responding to the request would generate costs exceeding \$100.

If this request is denied in whole or part, Friends asks that the BPA provide a withholding index and justify all withholdings by reference to specific exemptions of the Public Records Act. We also expect that the BPA will release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. We reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

Friends looks forward to your response within 20 days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Richard Till  
Conservation Legal Advocate