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September 24, 2002

Gene Tollefson, FOIA Officer, CILR-4
Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR. 97208

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Tollefson:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, I hereby request copies of all documents relating to the following subjects:

1. Any and all maps, charts or documents depicting, describing or listing all BPA transmission towers and/or transmission lines that are equipped with special marking paint or devices, including marking balls, for the purpose of providing notice to aircraft and/or increased visibility to pilots of aircraft flying near BPA towers or lines. This request includes any documents that would provide information on the location and type of markings and/or devices used on any BPA tower or line, whether or not such markings or warning devices are required under FAA regulations.

2. Any and all documents, including memos, correspondence, reports and accident investigations, relating to the subject of marking and/or special warning devices on BPA transmission towers and/or lines.

3. Any and all documents including, but not limited to, memos, correspondence, reports and bulletins relating to any safety committee, agency or department actions regarding the marking and/or installation of warning marking devices to provide safety to aircraft near BPA transmission towers and/or lines.

4. A listing of any and all accidents/incidents in which aircraft, including both helicopters and fixed wing aircraft, came into contact with BPA transmission towers and/or lines, and any and all documents referencing the said accidents/incidents.

5. Any and all correspondence between the BPA and the FAA, and/or the Office of Aircraft Services, (Department of Interior) regarding the use of paint or marking devices on BPA transmission towers and/or lines for increased visibility to pilots.

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We are willing to pay all appropriate costs incurred as a result of this request. Should the cost exceed one hundred dollars, please contact me before proceeding.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please don't hesitate to give me a call. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

OSBORN ♦ SMITH



Franklin L. Smith

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SHARED SERVICES

September 30, 2002

In reply refer to: CILR-4

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Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for the letter of September 24 requesting documents under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Your request has been logged in as #02-052.

Specifically, you asked for documents listing all BPA transmission towers and/or lines equipped with special marking paint or marking balls notifying aircraft or increasing visibility to pilots flying near towers or lines. You also asked for documents and or accident investigations relating to such marking devices, and correspondence, reports and bulletins relating to any safety committee, agency or department actions regarding such markings, as well as a listing of any accidents or incidents in which aircraft or helicopters came into contact with towers or lines. Finally, you asked for correspondence between BPA and the FAA, or the Office of Aircraft Services regarding use of paint or marking devices on towers or lines for increased visibility to pilots.

Your letter indicated a willingness to pay all appropriate costs, but asked that if estimated costs exceed one hundred dollars that we call you before proceeding.

Mr. Vinh Tran, electrical engineer, has been designated as Authorizing Official for your request. Mr. Tran has 20 working days, until October 29, to provide a response. Should you have any questions he may be reached at Mail Stop TNLD-TPP-3 or by calling 360-619-6337.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gene Tollefson".

Gene Tollefson
Freedom of Information Act Officer

bcc:

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