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November 1, 2001

In reply refer to: TNLD/TPP-3

Mr. Wayne Potempa  
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Dear Mr. Wayne Potempa:

This documents our telephone conversation on October 22, 2001, in regard to your letter dated 10/2/01 and FAX dated 10/5/01 requesting documents under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), logged in as #02-003. My call to you was to clarify a couple of items of your request.

My questions were:

1. In regard to item #1 in your letter did you want grounding information on specific towers, or for the whole 230kV line that runs through Port Orford, Oregon? You had stated the whole line if possible, otherwise less (10-15 miles) if necessary. I stated I thought it was possible.
2. In regard to item #2, do you consider a neutral line the same thing as on a distribution line where load current returns? You said that is correct. I stated BPA transmission lines do not have neutral conductors.

You asked the following questions:

1. Is there also a 115-kV line on the same structure with the 230-kV line? My response was no.
2. Is there another 115-kV line nearby the 230-kV line attached to separate structures with a shieldwire that is grounded at each transmission structure? My response was yes.

The next day after our phone conversation, I picked up a phone message of yours, left prior to our phone conversation outlined above, stating you were interested in revising the FOIA request in regard to a 115-kV line. We had not discussed any FOIA changes. If you are still interested in receiving additional documents in regard to a 115-kV line near Port Orford, please make your request in writing to the BPA FOIA office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen VanLeuven".

Allen VanLeuven  
Electrical Engineer, TNLD



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SHARED SERVICES

November 5, 2001

In reply refer to: CILR/4

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Dear Mr. Potempa:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request logged in as #02-003. In response to your request, a reasonable search of BPA sources likely to reveal responsive documents was made.

For your information, an agency is not required to answer questions posed as a FOIA request. In addition, an agency is not required to explain the documents it provides in response to a FOIA request. To the extent that documents were located that address your questions about the 230-kV Fairview-Rogue #1 line, I have attached the relevant parts of these documents.

For question #1, see attachments #1 and #2 and #3.

For question #2, no BPA documents exist.

For question #3, no BPA documents exist.

For question #4, see attachment #4.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you may make an appeal within thirty (30) calendar days of your receipt of this letter to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20585. Both the envelope and letter must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

DATE: November 5, 2001

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: TNLD/TPP3

SUBJECT: FOIA Records, Potempa Request, 10/05/01, FOIA Log#02-003

File/TNLD/TPP3

In regard to FOIA request log #02-003, dated October 5, 2001, from Mr. Wayne Potempa of Schaefer Engineering, the following memorandum documents what records were sent and also the search method of the records.

The records sent:

For question #1 of the FOIA-request I did a manual search within TNL Structures lists and Construction Data books containing design drawings for the Fairview-Rogue #1 230kV line. In addition I did a manual search through TNLD Electrical Policy/Guideline documents. I found the

Attachment #1 – Steel Tower List for the Fairview-Rogue #1, 230-kV line, 28 pages.

Attachment #2 – Tower Footing Design Drawings applicable to Attachment #1, 10 sheets.

Attachment #3 – Page 1, Section 4.1, Policy/Guideline Manual Structural/Electrical Engineering Branch.

For question #4 I did a manual search of BPA publications within TNLD locating the following attachment; a computer literature title-search within the Public Information office was also done on November 2, 2001.

Attachment #4 – Page 4-62, BPA Electrical and Biological Effects Review, December 1996.

No relevant records exist for questions #2 and #3 of Mr. Potempa's request. BPA does not use a neutral line conductor on its transmission lines; this was pointed out to Mr. Potempa in a telephone conversation with me on 10/22/01. A search for records was not necessary.

Allen VanLeuven  
Electrical Engineer, TNLD

CC: G. Tollefson – CILR/4

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