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In reply refer to: LC-7

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Dear Mr. Yockim:

This regards your October 7, 2002, Freedom of Information Act request, log #03-001, on behalf of the Grant County Court. In reviewing your request for the Authorizing Official, Mr. Robert J. Austin, I have found it is quite broad and will require at least six different offices within the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to search for records responsive to your request. I estimate the cost for this search and response will be between $1800 and $5000. BPA accepts that the records pertaining to mitigation projects in Grant County are suitable for a fee waiver because they are within the public interest the County Court serves; however, given the Court's jurisdiction is Grant County only, records for projects in the remaining counties identified in your request would not be subject to the waiver. I would be happy to work with you to attempt to narrow the scope of the request and the cost of responding to it. If you would like BPA to proceed with your request as initially submitted, BPA will need to receive advance payment because you do not have a prior history of payment with BPA. You may contact Mr. Gene Tollefson, BPA's Freedom of Information Act Officer, to arrange the advance payment. BPA will not process your request further, and the time to respond will not begin to run, until we either receive your advance payment or clarify the nature and scope of your request.

These are the issues I wanted to discuss when on three occasions during regular business hours in the past week I called your office and left messages asking you to contact me. I will now be unavailable to discuss these matters until the week of November 18, 2002, when I return from leave status. I hope to hear from you then.

Sincerely,

Philip Key
Attorney Advisor