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Freedom of Information Act Request

Jan. 2, 2003
By mail, E-mail and FAX

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Mr. Bennett:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552 as amended) for the following records:

(1) All written or electronic communications between BPA and the following Northwest members of Congress during the period from Dec. 31, 2000 to present:

Sens. Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden; Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell; Reps. Peter DeFazio, Earl Blumenauer, Greg Walden, Darlene Hooley and David Wu; and Reps. George Nethercutt, Norm Dix and Doc Hastings.

Please include any documents, reports, fact sheets or other information generated by your agency to accompany the requested communications.

(2) Copies of any BPA audits, internal or external, that examine energy trading practices, including the agency's use of options or other derivatives.

If you regard any of these records as exempt from disclosure, I request that you exercise your discretion to release them nevertheless.

I also request expedited processing of this request. Please disclose the requested documents as they are available, without waiting until all of them are assembled.

I am a journalist for The Oregonian newspaper and Newhouse News Service and have an urgent need to inform ratepayers and the public about BPA's operations. Given this public purpose, I request a waiver of fees as allowed under the FOIA.

Should you decline waiver, please notify me if you expect fees to exceed $100.

Please call me at 202-383-7814 if you have questions about my request, or e-mail me at tom.detzel@newhouse.com.

/s/ Tom Detzel

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