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In reply refer to: KDP-7

Mr. David Ebner
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RE: FOIA Request #04-048

Dear Mr. Ebner:

On July 7, 2004, the Bonneville Power Administration received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from you, designated as #04-048, in which you request information regarding the Contract Specialist GS-12 position you applied on requesting all documents showing the selected candidates' qualifications, and all communications of any kind in any way related to you and/or your candidacy,

Enclosed are non-exempt portions of records responsive to your request. BPA has determined that some of the information you requested is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C 552 b) (6) (exemption 6). Exemption 6 protects personnel, medical and similar files from disclosure when disclosure would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption is intended to protect individuals from the injury and embarrassment that could result from an unnecessary disclosure of personal information.

In order to determine whether information should be withheld under exemption 6, an agency must (1) identify whether a privacy interest exists, (2) identify whether release of the document would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations and activities of the Government, and (3) weigh the identified privacy interests against the public interest as a would in order to determine whether disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

BPA asserts exemption 6 for the following information, as explained below:

Information relating to the successful job applicant. We have redacted identifying information such as social security number, home addresses and phone numbers from the applications of the selectees. There is a significant privacy interest in this type of information. As stated above, there is a public interest in learning the qualifications of a successful job applicant; however, release of identifying information would not shed any light on this public interest. Therefore, we

find that the privacy interest in protecting this information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

The selecting official was contacted to establish if any interview notes were maintained for this recruitment (there are no requirements to establish or maintain these types of records). No records pertaining to the interview process were maintained for this position.

There is no fee for this request.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you may make an appeal within thirty (30) 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 clearly be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



for Annie Eissler
Freedom of Information Officer

Enclosures (6)