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## FOIA REQUEST

Dear Ms. Eissler:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. s. 552, I request access to and copies of all memoranda, correspondence, notes, e-mails, spreadsheets and other records related to BPA contracts with PacifiCorp and Puget Sound Energy numbered 01PB-10854 and 01P-10885, known as Amended Settlement Agreements, which agreed to provide a combined \$200 million in risk reduction discounts to the utilities.

Through this request, I am gathering information on the genesis of BPA's decision in 2001 to guarantee \$200 million in reduction of risk benefits to Puget Sound Energy and PacifiCorp. The information is of interest to the public because the decision has had a broad impact on Northwest power rates and BPA customer groups. This information is being sought on behalf of *The Oregonian* for dissemination to the general public.

Please provide expedited review of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about the genesis of BPA's decision to provide \$200 million to Puget and PacifiCorp because public utilities representing hundreds of thousands of ratepayers in the Northwest have fewer than 120 days to decide whether to drop litigation related to the \$200 million in benefits.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. Should you decide against a fee waiver, I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$100. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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