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To: Annie Eissler
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

Subject: **FOIA REQUEST FOR HOURLY FCRPS GENERATION DATA**

Dear Ms. Eissler:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. s. 552, I request access to and copies of hourly generation data for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) Hydro Projects for the time period January 1, 1995 to March 31, 2004. I do not need or want hourly data for individual projects, but for the system as a whole. This total-system data should be the sum of the same individual projects for each year requested, so that data is comparable hour to hour, day to day, year to year, etc. Please contact me immediately if you have any questions or need further clarification regarding my request. I would like to receive the information in electronic format.

I attempted to first gain this data informally, without filing a FOIA request. I spoke with Phil Thor, a Public Utilities Specialist at the BPA, and he said he does indeed have the hourly data in electronic format for the FCRPS in total (not for individual projects). I requested this data from him. He said the data could not be released. This type of data is not commercially sensitive nor does it meet any of the exemptions under the FOIA. Hourly project data is available prior to 1998 from the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Current hourly data for individual projects is also available through the Corps website, but it is only given for the current day, and prior seven days, due to the volume of data that accumulates on an hourly basis. In the past, the BPA website also posted monthly and annual generation data for individual projects, and provided hourly data if requested.

The subject of my request concerns government operations and activities. The disclosure will contribute to the public's understanding of these operations and activities. I have limited commercial interest in this disclosure; and there are no trade secrets or private information jeopardized by the release of the requested data.

I agree to pay reasonable fees, including salary and duplication fees, for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$200. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

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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. Please also include the names, titles, and contact information for the particular officials who are responsible for the decision to withhold the records I have requested. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

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

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,

R. W. BECK, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jennifer D. White'.

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