



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

June 23, 2020

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2020-00859-F

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Dear Mr. Pasupu,

This communication is the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) final response to your request for agency records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your records request was received on June 10, 2020. Your records request was assigned Department of Energy (DOE) tracking number BPA-2020-00859-F. Please use that tracking number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your FOIA request.

Request

1. "A copy of any existing records showing information regarding depositor names, amounts and dates for all unrefunded cash escrows, cash deposits, performance or construction bonds which have been deposited with your municipality that have not been returned or refunded.
2. A copy of any records showing the (i) payee or vendor names, (ii) check issue dates, (iii) check number, and (iv) dollar amounts of every uncashed /stale-dated vendor check that has aged more than (6) months from the date of this letter in an amount equal to or greater than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).
3. Financial spreadsheet, ledger, or any other accounting record of property tax overpayments, or claimed/unredeemed tax lien certificates which have been refundable for more than (6) months from the date of this letter showing the (i) payee names (ii) check issue dates, (iii) check numbers, and (iv) dollar amounts over \$1,000.00.

For all three requests, please include any necessary claim forms, affidavits and instructions required for the reissuance of the outstanding/state dated checks or refunds. Please only include items that are still eligible for release as of today and have not been escheated to the state unclaimed property department."

Acknowledgment

BPA has reviewed your request and has determined that it fulfills all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and the DOE FOIA regulations at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004.

Response

BPA has conducted electronic searches of records in the agency's Financial Systems & Automation office. No agency records responsive to your request were identified.

BPA's Financial Systems personnel have indicated that no accounts exist for unrefunded cash escrows, cash deposits, performance or construction bonds which have been deposited and have not been returned or refunded. BPA's Financial Systems personnel have indicated that, being a Federal entity, BPA is not allowed to issue debt.

The management of federal payments inclusive of checks is done by and through the United States Department of Treasury. Questions concerning uncashed/non drawn federal checks for claims against the United States should be directed to the Secretary of Treasury:

<https://home.treasury.gov/footer/freedom-of-information-act>.

BPA is a federal power marketing agency of the United States charged and as such does not assess federal income or property taxes. Questions concerning federal tax overpayments should be directed to the Secretary of Treasury or the Internal Revenue Service:

<https://www.irs.gov/privacy-disclosure/irs-freedom-of-information> .

Fee

There are no fees applicable to your request for BPA records.

Certification

Your FOIA request is now closed with no agency records available to provide. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the search and determinations described above.

Appeal

This decision, as well as the adequacy of the search, may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to:

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals,
HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585-1615

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: 1) in the district where you reside; 2) where you have your principal place of business; 3) where DOE's records are situated; or 4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact BPA's FOIA Public Liaison, Jason Taylor, at the address at the letter header for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
E-mail at ogis@nara.gov
Telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; facsimile at 202-741-5769

Thank you for your interest in the Bonneville Power Administration.

Sincerely,



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Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer