Department of Energy



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

December 17, 2020

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2020-01440-F

Harold Christian Payment Processing Systems 129 Hanbury Road West, Suite 203 Chesapeake, VA 23322

Email: PRA@expertmoneyfinders.com

Dear Mr. Christian,

This communication is a final response to your request for Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your request was received on October 13, 2020, with a formal acknowledgement letter sent to you on November 4, 2020. Your original request made to the Department of Energy (DOE), with tracking number HQ-2020-01130-F, was transferred on September 22, 2020, from DOE to BPA.

Request

"...records ... related to any check issued in replacement of Check No. 4030-92378406 payable to NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS LLC dated 12/06/2018 in the amount of \$11,783.49. According to the US Department of the Treasury, this check was canceled pursuant to Public Law 100-86 because it was not negotiated within one year from the date issued. Please provide exact copies of:

- 1. The front and back of any negotiated check issued in replacement of Check No. 4030-92378406. Alternatively, please provide all record(s) reflecting the transactional details of any replacement check or payment remitted by any other method (i.e., ACH, EFT, wire transfer, credit, offset, etc.), including, but not limited to, the replacement check number, date issued, date of ACH, EFT, wire transfer, credit, offset, etc.
- 2. The Treasury Check Information System Payment History screen(s) (the PDF version) for any check issued in replacement of Check No. 4030-92378406, which includes, among other information, RECON HISTORY, CLAIMS HISTORY, etc.
- 3. Any record(s) evidencing, reflecting, referring to, or related to the contact information of the FOIA Officer of the Federal Program Office ("FPA") that requested any check be issued in replacement of Check No. 4030-92378406, including the FOIA officer's name,

- agency/component name, telephone number, facsimile number, postal mailing address and email address, etc.
- 4. Any record(s) evidencing, reflecting, referring to, or related to the contact information of the certifying officer ("CO") of the FPA that requested any check be issued in replacement of Check No. 4030-92378406, including the CO's name, telephone number, facsimile number, postal mailing address and email address, etc.
- 5. Any record(s) evidencing, reflecting, referring to, or related to the contact information of designated disbursing officer ("DO") of the FPA that requested any check be issued in replacement of Check No. 4030-92378406, including the DO's name, telephone number, facsimile number, postal mailing address and email address, etc."

Response

BPA's Finance Operations office located 3 pages of agency records responsive to your request. BPA is releasing 3 pages with minor redactions made under 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(4). An explanation of exemptions follows.

Explanation of Exemptions

The FOIA generally requires the release of all government records upon request. However, the FOIA permits or requires withholding certain limited information that falls under one or more of nine statutory exemptions (5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(1-9)).

Exemption 4

Exemption 4 protects from disclosure two types of third party information: (1) trade secrets; and (2) information that is (a) commercial or financial, and (b) obtained from a person, and (c) privileged or confidential. BPA here relies on Exemption 4 to withhold certain confidential commercial information belonging to a third party information submitter.

Fees

There are no fees associated with this FOIA request.

Certification

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the search, exemption determinations and records release described above. Your FOIA request BPA-2020-00085-F is now closed with all available agency records provided.

Appeal

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 by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. (The Office of Hearings and Appeals prefers to receive appeals by email.) The appeal must contain all 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 on this 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: ogis@nara.gov Phone: 202-741-5770 Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

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Questions about this communication may be directed to Thanh Knudson, Flux Resources, LLC, at etknudson@bpa.gov or 503.230.5221

Sincerely,

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Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer

Responsive agency records accompany this communication.















