

Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration P.O. Box 3621 Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

March 17, 2022

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2022-00595-F

Richard Belliveau Portland General Electric 121 SW Salmon Street Portland, OR 97204 Email: <u>richard.belliveau@pgn.com</u> Phone: 503-969-3156

Dear Mr. Belliveau,

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has received your request for agency records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). BPA received your records request on March 8, 2022 and assigned tracking number BPA-2022-00595-F. Please use that tracking number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your FOIA request.

Request

"I would like the BPA plan & profile map for the line pictured on the attached tax map in Washington County, State of Oregon."

Acknowledgement

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

Response

The agency collected one five pages of responsive records from knowledgeable agency personnel in the Geomatics office. We are releasing that page with minor redactions under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (Exemption 6) to protect Personally Identifiable Information (PII). A more detailed explanation of the applied exemption follows.

Explanation of Exemptions

The FOIA generally requires the release of all agency 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)). Section (b) of the FOIA, which contains the FOIA's nine statutory exemptions, also directs agencies to release to FOIA requesters any reasonably segregable, non-exempt information that is contained in those records.

Exemption 6

Exemption 6 serves to protect PII contained in agency records when no overriding public interest in the information exists. BPA does not find an overriding public interest in a release of the information redacted under Exemption 6—specifically, names of individual landowners. This information sheds no light on the executive functions of the agency and we find no overriding public interest in its release. BPA cannot waive these redactions, as the protections afforded by Exemption 6 belong to individuals and not to the agency.

As required by law (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A)), information has been withheld only in instances where (1) disclosure is prohibited by law or (2) BPA foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by the exemption cited in the record. When full disclosure of a record is not possible, the law further requires that BPA take reasonable steps to segregate and release nonexempt information. We have determined that in certain instances partial disclosure is possible, and have accordingly segregated the records into exempt and non-exempt portions.

Fees

There are no fees associated with the processing of your FOIA request.

Certification

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the records search and information release described above. Your FOIA request BPA-2022-00595-F is now closed with the responsive agency information 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.

Questions about this communication may be directed to BPA FOIA Public Liaison Jason E. Taylor at 503-230-3537 or jetaylor@bpa.gov. 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 Fax: 202-741-5769

Thank you for your interest in the Bonneville Power Administration.

Sincerely,

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Candice D. Palen Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer

Responsive agency information accompanies this communication.











