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# **Department of Energy**

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

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

February 15, 2023

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2023-000253-F

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY TO: energycompass@hotmail.com

Hung Ly, Charter Financial Analyst (CFA) Consultant at EnergyCompass Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Dear Mr. Hung Ly,

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"). BPA received your records request on December 1, 2022, and formally acknowledged on December 20, 2022,

## Request

"...historical transmission tariff costs (Fixed and Variable) for transmitting power through BPA's transmission system, to CallSO's NP15 hub. For the historical tariff data, [I seek] the last 10 years [of data]. [I have] browsed for the historical tariff through the BPA website but cannot find them."

# Response

In response to your request, the FOIA Office consulted with the following agency offices: Trading Floor, Long Term Sales and Purchases, Transmission Tariff Rates & Regulations, and Transmission Commercial Business Rates & Revenue. Knowledgeable agency personnel report that the information you seek – historical Transmission Rates - are in fact available on BPA's website at the following link:

https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/rate-and-tariff-proceedings/historical-rate-cases

Agency personnel have advised the FOIA Office that this information is responsive because:

• Your request seeks historical transmission costs for both Network and Intertie transmission, for the last 10 years.

- Moving energy from the British Columbia-United States border, to BPA's interchange point with CAISO, at the AC, would be one leg of Network Transmission and one leg of Intertie Transmission.
- The rate schedules at the link above provide the cost of both Network and Intertie Transmission; whether you elect to utilize Long Term or Short Term transmission costs data would be your option for your specific purposes.

When interpreting or using this data, note that the AC Intertie is fully subscribed in the North-to-South direction; there are instances of hourly non-firm, daily, weekly and monthly Transmission products being available on the AC, but that condition is inconsistent, and is a function of whether the long term rights holders are using their transmission rights (or, in the alternative, not using them).

### **Fees**

There are no fees applicable to processing your request for agency information.

### 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-2023-00253-F is now closed with the responsive agency information provided.

# **Appeal**

The records release certified above is final. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, you may appeal the adequacy of the records search, and the completeness of this final release, within 90 calendar days from the date of this communication. 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 <a href="OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov">OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov</a>, 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.

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

Questions about this communication may be directed to James King, FOIA Public Liaison, at <u>jiking@bpa.gov</u> or 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,

Candice D. Palen Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer