



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

October 25, 2024

In reply refer to: BPA-2024-02013-F

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY TO:

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Tony Schick
Oregon Public Broadcasting/ProPublica

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Dear Mr. Schick,

This communication is the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) response to your FOIA request BPA-2024-02013-F. The agency received your request for records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) on May 31, 2024, BPA formally acknowledged your request via letter and email on June 26, 2024.

Request

“... a list or spreadsheet of projects in BPA's interconnection backlog, including the date of the signed interconnection agreement. The spreadsheet available via BPA's website ([https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and\[1\]services/transmission/interconnection](https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and[1]services/transmission/interconnection)) does not include the date of the signed interconnection agreement.”

Clarification

Via email to the agency received on June 3, 2024, you confirmed that all you seek with this FOIA request is the same spreadsheet that is publicly posted, but with the missing agreement dates added.

Response

Knowledgeable Subject Matter Experts (SME) in the agency's Transmission Account Services office have assembled the data you seek. That data accompanies this communication and is released in full without redaction.

Transmission Account Services searched BPA's Customer Contract Management System for interconnection agreements associated with energized generation interconnection projects. The dates of the agreements were added to the existing spreadsheet in a new column. We note that entity and project names sometimes change between the time of the interconnection request and

the executed agreement. All available and relevant interconnection agreement data has been incorporated into the unredacted record released to you with this communication.

Fees

There are no fees associated with processing your FOIA request.

Certification

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7, I am the individual responsible for the search and data release determination described above. Your FOIA request BPA-2024-02013-F is now closed with all available responsive data and information provided.

Appeal

Note that the records and data 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 records 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 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.

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 jjking@bpa.gov or 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,

Candice D. Palen
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer

