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April 21, 2011

In reply refer to: DK-7

Steven Hawley
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RE: FOIA #BPA-2011-01001-F

Dear Mr. Hawley:

Thank you for your request for records that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. Your letter was received in this office on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, and has been assigned a control number, BPA-2011-01001-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

You have requested the following:

"All communications (This includes, but is not limited to, printed or written correspondence, books, papers, photographs, e-mail or other machine readable electronic record, telephone messages, voicemails or other sound records, notes of personal conferences, telephone conversations or personal meetings. This also includes electronic copies or backups if the originals have been destroyed between March 1, 2011, and April 1, 2011, concerning 2011 operations at John Day Dam and proposed levels of spill affecting those operations."

After reviewing your letter, it was determined that it addressed all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA, DOE, and BPA regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004. Your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

Dominic Lane has been designated as the Authorizing Official for this request. Mr. Lane has 20 working days to respond to your request. The due date for a response to you is Wednesday, May 18, 2011.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Cheri L. Benson, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist at (503)230-7305 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Munro
Christina J. Munro
Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer



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April 22, 2011

In reply refer to: DK-7

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RE: FOIA Request #BPA-2011-01001-F

Dear Mr. Hawley:

You will have already received a letter from me dated April 21, 2011, indicating that I had received your FOIA request and assigned an Authorizing Official to process it. I inadvertently failed to address your request for the expedited processing of your request.

Because the granting of a request for expedition necessarily works to the direct disadvantage of other FOIA requestors, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit has specifically approved the equitable practice of handling requests on a "first-in, first-out" basis. At the same time, however, the D.C. Circuit recognized that some FOIA requests necessarily involve a far greater degree of urgency than others. FOIA processing should be expedited whenever it is demonstrated that an individual's life or personal safety would be jeopardized, or it is shown that substantial due process rights of the requester would be impaired.

I have considered your request for expeditious processing and determined that you have not demonstrated an exceptional need or urgency. For this reason, your request will be processed on a "first-in, first-out basis."

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Cheri L. Benson, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist at (503) 230-7305 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/S/Christina J. Munro
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May 16, 2011

In reply refer to: DK-7

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RE: FOIA #BPA-2011-01001-F

Dear Mr. Hawley:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is taking an allowed ten working-day extension starting Tuesday, May 17, 2011, in order to complete the Exemption 5 review process and to respond to your request.

You requested:

“All communications between March 1, 2011 and April 1, 2011 concerning 2011 operations at John Day dam, and proposed levels of spill affecting those operations.

The new target date for your response is May 30, 2011. I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Cheri Benson, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist at (503) 230-7305 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/S/Christina J. Munro
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