



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: DK-7

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### **RE: FOIA Request #BPA-2011-01054-F**

Dear Mr. Hofland:

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 Tuesday, April 26, and has been assigned a control number, BPA-2011-01054-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

#### **You have requested the following:**

“The Department would like to request the installed/booked, or invested cost accounting information as it relates to BPA’s transmission line system. Specifically we would like to acquire the booked or installed cost information for the BPA’s transmission lines that are for sale to, leased, or have other interest to investor owned utility companies. We have sought this information on a Montana basis in the past, but are seeking it on a BPA-wide basis this year. This request should include the same cost analysis as already provided in the report already received from BPA.”

The investor owned utility companies that you would like the information for are: Puget Sound Energy, Portland General Electric, PacifiCorp, Avista Corp., PPL Montana, and NorthWestern Energy Corp.

You have asked that the cost accounting information be for all transmission property, greater than 500 kilovolts that is contracted for sale to, leased to, or have other interest to, by the utility company.

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. You have agreed to pay all applicable fees up to \$200.00.

Chris Nichols and Laura Surratt, have been designated as the Authorization Officials for your request. They have 20 working days to respond to your request. The due date for a response to you is Tuesday, May 24, 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*

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Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer