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In reply refer to: DK-7

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FOIA #BPA-2013-00497-F

Dear Mr. Patterson:

On February 5, 2013, the Department of Energy transferred your request for records that you had made in October 2012 under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Your request has been assigned a control number, BPA-2013-00232-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

You have requested the following:

- (1) all contracts or agreements, including but not limited to any sub-contracts or sub-agreements, between the Department of Energy ("DOE") and third-party vendors that provide security for all DOE computer networks ("third-party security vendors"), including but not limited to any networks that are accessible only to DOE employees and staff and any networks accessible to members of the public;
- (2) all records that constitute or concern DOE's policies, protocols, or guidance regarding the selection and/or creation of filters to block access to websites on any DOE computer network;
- (3) all records that constitute or concern DOE's policies, protocols, or guidance regarding the designation of websites to which filters blocking access are or have been applied, including but not limited to filter(s) concerning political or activist groups, on any DOE computer network;
- (4) all records that constitute or concern DOE's policies, protocols, or guidance regarding the review and/or removal of filters that are or have been applied to websites on any DOE computer network;
- (5) all records that concern or refer to websites to which filter(s) concerning political or activist groups are or have been applied on any DOE computer network;
- (6) all records regarding DOE's application, and/or removal of filters of websites, including but not limited to filter(s) concerning political or activist groups, on any DOE computer network;
- (7) all records that constitute or memorialize communications among DOE and third-party security vendors regarding filters applied to websites on any DOE computer network, including

but not limited to communications regarding implementation of DOE policies, protocols, or guidance concerning filter(s) of political or activist group websites;

(8) all records that constitute or memorialize communications among DOE and third-party security vendors regarding removal of filter(s), including but not limited to filter(s) concerning political or activist groups, on any DOE computer network;

(9) all records that constitute or memorialize communications between DOE and any DOE employee who has requested access to, and/or DOE review of, website(s) that are or have been filtered on any DOE computer network;

(10) all records that constitute or memorialize communications between DOE and non-DOE individuals or groups requesting access to, and/or DOE review of, website(s) that are or have been filtered on any DOE computer network.

We have reviewed your request and have determined that it addresses 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 waiver of fees is granted.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Ms. Winn, FOIA Specialist, at 503-230-5273 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro

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Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer