



## Department of Energy

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

SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

July 26, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Ted Sickinger  
The Oregonian  
1320 SW Broadway  
Portland, OR 97201

### FOIA #BPA-2013-01309-F

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

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 request was received in this office on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, and has been assigned control number BPA-2013-01309-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

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

“all e-mail to and from Bill Drummond between November 2012 to present that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices.”

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.

Fees are being waived for this request.

BPA has twenty (20) working days to respond to your request. The due date for a response to you is Wednesday, August 14, 2013.

Please contact Kim Winn, FOIA Specialist, at 503-230-5273 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

*/s/Christina J. Munro*

Christina J. Munro

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

August 14, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Ted Sickinger  
The Oregonian  
1320 SW Broadway  
Portland, OR 97201

### FOIA #BPA-2013-01309-F

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is taking an allowed ten working-day extension starting Wednesday, August 14, 2013, in order to complete your Privacy Act/FOIA request.

**You requested the following:**

“all e-mail to and from Bill Drummond between November 2012 to present that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices.”

The new target date for your response is Wednesday, August 28, 2013.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact our office at 503-230-7305 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

*/s/For Kim S. Winn*

Christina J. Munro  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

December 9, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Ted Sickinger  
The Oregonian  
1320 SW Broadway  
Portland, OR 97201

RE: Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

Per your request, I have analyzed the six outstanding Freedom of Information Act requests you submitted, and determined they meet the "unusual circumstances" criteria for FOIA requests. 5 USC 552(a)(6)(B)(1). Here, the unusual circumstances are the voluminous amount of data involved in processing and reviewing the requests. Also as required by FOIA, I am informing you that you have the opportunity to modify your request.

I am providing you with the revised release dates (below). I assure you I will make every effort to finalize and release the responsive records to your requests before the stated deadlines.

**You requested the following:**

**BPA-2013-01309-F** – "all e-mail to and from Bill Drummond between November 2012 to present that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices." **December 31, 2013.**

**BPA-2013-01310** – "all e-mail to and from Anita Decker between November 2012 to present that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices." **February 28, 2014.**

**BPA-2013-01311** – "all e-mail to and from Roy Fox between November 2012 to present that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices." **January 31, 2014.**

**BPA-2013-01328** – "copies of e-mail to and from the following individuals: David C. Clarke, Julia J. Wentworth, Charles T. Mantei, Jamey S. Winchester, and Allegra Hodges. Please provide copies of email to and from these individuals between April 2013 and present that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices." **March 31, 2014.**

**BPA-2013-01407** – “all e-mail to and from Steve Wright between September 2012 to final date of employment that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices.” **January 31, 2014.**

**BPA-2014-00119** – “All correspondence between BPA and Avue Technologies re: 9-27-13 report to October 22, 2013.” **January 31, 2014.**

As we have related before, we have brought on two new staff to assist with the large volume of requests and documents. And we are continuing to process requests on a two track system of simple (small volume, no external review required) and complex (voluminous records, and/or external review required (i.e., contracts, other agency documents)) and then on a “first in, first out” basis in each track.

Again, your patience is appreciated.

Please contact me at 503-230-7303 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

*/s/Christina J. Munro*

Christina J. Munro

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

January 14, 2014

In reply refer to: NN-1

Ted Sickinger  
The Oregonian  
1320 SW Broadway  
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

This is a subsequent follow up response to 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.

Per your request, I have analyzed the eight outstanding FOIA requests you submitted, and determined they meet the definition of a complex request under "unusual circumstances" criteria for FOIA requests under 5USC 552(a)(6)(B)(1). In this situation, the unusual circumstances are the voluminous amount of data involved in processing and reviewing the requests.

Additionally, "exceptional circumstances" exist due to an unexpected and unusual spike in the volume of requests. Be assured that every effort is being made to complete your requests as timely as possible. We are processing complex requests in a "first in, first out" basis and will keep you apprised of our progress.

As required by the FOIA, we are informing you that you have the opportunity to limit the scope of your requests, or arrange with BPA an alternative time frame for processing the requests or modified requests, but declined to do so.

I am providing you with the revised projected release dates below. I assure you I will make every effort to finalize and release the responsive records to your requests before the stated deadlines.

**You requested the following:**

**BPA-2013-01309** – "all e-mail to and from Bill Drummond between November 2012 to present that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices." Estimated goal date of **March 31, 2014**

**BPA-2013-01310** – "all e-mail to and from Anita Decker between November 2012 to present that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management

(OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices.” Estimated goal date of **April 21, 2014**

**BPA-2013-01311** – “all e-mail to and from Roy Fox between November 2012 to present that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices.” Estimated goal date of **May 15, 2014**

**BPA-2013-01328** – “copies of e-mail to and from the following individuals: David C. Clarke, Julia J. Wentworth, Charles T. Mantei, Jamey S. Winchester, and Allegra Hodges. Please provide copies of email to and from these individuals between April 2013 and present that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices.” Estimated goal date of **June 30, 2014**

**BPA-2013-01407** – “all e-mail to and from Steve Wright between January 1, 2010 to final date of employment that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices.” Estimated goal date of **August 31, 2014**

**BPA-2014-00119** – “All correspondence between BPA and Avue Technologies re: 9-27-13 report to October 22, 2013.” Estimated goal date of **July 15, 2014**

**BPA-2014-00312** – All travel reimbursement forms submitted by Cathy Ehli and Robin Furrer since Jan 1, 2011, itemized statement charges on government travel credit cards, and subsequent documented discussions. Estimated goal date of **July 31, 2014**

**BPA-2014-00358** – All communications between David Clark and Elliot Mainzer from June 1, 2013 to present. Estimated goal date of **August 31, 2014**

Please contact Kim Winn, Government Information Specialist (FOIA/Privacy Act), at 503-230-5273 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

*/s/Christina J. Munro*

Christina J. Munro

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

April 1, 2014

In reply refer to: D-B1

Ted Sickinger  
The Oregonian  
1320 SW Broadway  
Portland, OR 97201

**FOIA #BPA-2013-01309-F**

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request dated July 17, 2013. In our letter dated December 9, 2013, we notified you that we would not be able to complete the request within the normal statutory timeframe.

**You have requested:**

“All e-mail to and from Bill Drummond between November 2012 to present that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices.”

When searching for records requested under the Freedom of Information Act, it is not uncommon to locate a responsive document or portions of responsive documents that originated outside of the agency.

Generally, the agency in possession of such records is responsible for making any FOIA disclosure determination that might be required. However, the agency that originated a record or portions thereof may be better able to determine whether the information is exempt from disclosure. BPA has determined that portions of records responsive to your request originated with the Office of Personnel Management, and that it is necessary to consult with OPM before making a final determination.

The consultations, while necessary, will unavoidably delay your FOIA response. BPA now estimates it will be able to finalize your FOIA request(s) by Monday, July 28, 2014.

We apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Kim Winn, FOIA Public Liaison, at (503) 230-5273.

Sincerely,

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



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

July 25, 2014

In reply refer to: D-B1

Ted Sickinger  
The Oregonian  
1320 SW Broadway  
Portland, OR 97201

**FOIA #BPA-2013-01309-F**

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request dated July 17, 2013. In our letters dated December 9, 2013, January 14, 2014, and April 1, 2014, we notified you that we would not be able to complete the request within the normal statutory timeframe.

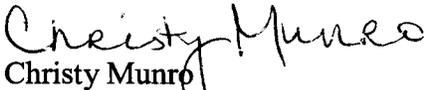
**You have requested:**

“All e-mail to and from Bill Drummond between November 2012 to present that mentions the Office of Inspector General, (OIG) the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or DOE Human Capital, or any inquiries, reviews and investigations into BPA hiring and promotion practices.”

Our new target date for response to you is September 22, 2014. We will keep you updated on our progress.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Benjamin Yost, FOIA Case Officer (BPA Contractor, ACS), at 503-230-5247.

Sincerely,

  
Christy Munro  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer