



## Department of Energy

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

SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

August 9, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Patrick Barton

Ex 6

**FOIA #BPA-2013-01441-F**

Dear Mr. Barton:

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 Tuesday, August 6, 2013, and has been assigned control number BPA-2013-01441-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

**You requested the following:**

“All correspondence to and from the DOE Inspector General's office concerning their investigation of Bonneville's hiring practices dated from 1 January 2010 to the present.”

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, September 4, 2013.

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

Sincerely,

*For /s/ Kim S. Winn*

Christina J. Munro

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

September 4, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Patrick Barton

Ex 6

### **FOIA #BPA-2013-01441-F**

Dear Mr. Barton:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is taking an allowed ten working-day extension starting Tuesday, August 6, 2013, in order to complete your Freedom of Information Act request.

#### **You requested:**

"All correspondence to and from the DOE Inspector General's office concerning their investigation of Bonneville's hiring practices dated from 1 January 2010 to the present."

The new target date for your response is Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

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

Sincerely,

*/s/Christina J. Munro*

Christina J. Munro

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



## Department of Energy

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

January 27, 2014

In reply refer to: FOIA/Privacy Program

Patrick Barton

Ex 6

Dear Mr. Barton:

This is a 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.

The statute requires that requests be acted on “promptly,” and “every effort” be made to respond within 20 working days. However, an extension is authorized for complex requests, which is defined in the FOIA when “unusual circumstances” exist. Unusual circumstances are defined as searching inactive records; where a “voluminous” amount of data is involved; where information about other individuals has to be redacted; or where BPA has to consult with another agency which has a substantial interest in the response.

In analysis of your five outstanding FOIA requests, I have determined that they meet the “unusual circumstances” criteria under 5USC 552(a)(6)(B)(1). In this situation, the unusual circumstances involve redacting information on other individuals and 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 FOIA, we informed you that you had the opportunity to limit the scope of your request, or arrange with BPA an alternative time frame for processing the request or a modified request, and you have 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 have requested: BPA-2013-00195-C** – “Communications and email from Connie Langston about the review at Bonneville related to the recent DOE-OIG Management Alert (DOE/IG-0891).” Estimated goal date of **June 6, 2014**.

**BPA-2013-01337** – “A complete record of all competitive hiring events from 2010-the present (inclusive) to include: position title, announcement number, grade, and disposition of the

announcement. And, for or each (\*anonymized\*) applicant: date of application, raw score, revised score, ranking provided to the hiring manager, date of high school graduation (when available), date of college graduation (when available), and qualification status, and outcome.” Due to the massive amount of information being processed, the estimated goal date **June 30, 2015**.

**BPA-2013-01353** – “A complete record of all competitive hiring events from 1995-2009 (inclusive) to include: position title, announcement number, grade, and disposition of the announcement. And, for or each (\*anonymized\*) applicant: date of application, raw score, revised score, ranking provided to the hiring manager, date of high school graduation (when available), date of college graduation (when available), and qualification status, and outcome.” Due to the massive amount of information being processed, the estimated goal date **June 30, 2015**.

**BPA-2013-01440** – “All application materials presented to the hiring managers for their consideration in their selection process for the positions:

App date	Grade	Position	Title
9 Jul 10	14	7997-10-DE	Public Utilities Specialist
10 Sep 10	15	8211-10	Supervisory IT Specialist
10 Sep 10	15	8211-10-A1	Infrastructure Services Supr. IT Specialist
13 Sep 10	14	8209-10	Supervisory IT Specialist
30 Sep 10	14	8221-10-DE	Special Projects Officer
30 Sep 10	12	8221-10-DE	Special Projects Officer
6 Dec 10	12	8290-10-DE	Policy Development Specialist
14 Dec 10	12	8512-11	Information Technology Project Manager
24 Jun 11	12	Unknown (8595-11)	Operations Research Analyst
27 Jul 11	12	9102-11	Public Utilities Specialist
3 Oct 11	14	9334-11	Public Utility Specialist
4 Oct 11	13	9334-11	Public Utilities Specialist
24 Oct 11	11	9376-12	Energy Efficiency Planning Specialist
12 Dec 11	11	GS-1515-11	Operations Research Analyst
28 Dec 11	12	GS-1101-12	Energy Efficiency Planning Specialist
21 Mar 12	15	9282-12	Director of Strategy Integration
12 Jul 12	13	10235-12	Policy Strategist
7 Feb 13	12/13	200245	Technology Specialist
10 Feb 13	11/12	200254	Operations Research Analyst
14 Feb 13	13	200282	Information Technology Specialist”

Estimated goal date of **June 6, 2014**.

**BPA-2013-01441** – “All correspondence to and from the DOE Inspector General's office concerning their investigation of Bonneville's hiring practices dated from 1 January 2010 to the present.”

Estimated goal date of **June 6, 2014**.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Benjamin Yost, Government Information Specialist (FOIA/Privacy Act) at 503-230-5247 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

June 5, 2014

In reply refer to: D-B1

Patrick Barton

Ex 6

### FOIA #2013-01441-F

Dear Mr. Barton:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request dated August 6, 2013. In our letter dated January 27, 2014, we notified you that we would not be able to complete the request within the normal statutory timeframe.

#### **You requested:**

“All correspondence to and from the DOE Inspector General's office concerning their investigation of Bonneville's hiring practices dated from January 1, 2010, to the present.”

Our new target date for response to you is July 31, 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 Kim Winn, FOIA Public Liaison, at (503) 230-7305.

Sincerely,

*/s/Christina J. Munro*

Christina J. Munro

Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

July 25, 2014

In reply refer to: D-B1

Patrick Barton

Ex 6

**FOIA #BPA-2013-01441-F**

Dear Mr. Barton:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request dated August 5, 2013. In our letters dated January 27, 2014, and June 5, 2014, we notified you that we would not be able to complete the request within the normal statutory timeframe.

**You have requested:**

“All correspondence to and from the DOE Inspector General's office concerning their investigation of Bonneville's hiring practices dated from 1 January 2010 to the present.”

Our new target date for response to you is October 31, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christy Munro".

Christy Munro  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

October 28, 2014

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2013-01441-F

Patrick Barton

Ex 6

Dear Mr. Barton:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request received in our office on August 5, 2013, which we acknowledged on August 9, 2013.

**You requested:**

"All correspondence to and from the DOE Inspector General's office concerning their investigation of Bonneville's hiring practices dated from 1 January 2010 to the present."

We had previously notified you that we expected to complete your request by October 31, 2014. We will be unable to complete your request by that deadline. Our new target date for response to you is February 6, 2015. 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 E. Thanh Knudson, FOIA Case Officer (BPA Contractor, DEA Onsite), at (503-230-5221).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. M. Frost", is written over a horizontal line.

C. M. Frost  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

March 16, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2013-01441-F

Patrick Barton  
Ex 6

Dear Mr. Barton:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request received in our office on August 5, 2013, which we acknowledged on August 9, 2013.

**You requested:**

“All correspondence to and from the DOE Inspector General's office concerning their investigation of Bonneville's hiring practices dated from 1 January 2010 to the present.”

We had previously notified you that we expected to complete your request by February 6, 2015. We will be unable to complete your request by that deadline. Our legal team is still reviewing the responsive documents, therefore, our new target date for response to you is April 27, 2015. 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 E. Thanh Knudson, FOIA Case Coordinator (BPA Contractor, DEA Onsite), at (503-230-5221).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. M. Frost", is written over a horizontal line.

C. M. Frost  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

May 27, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2013-01441-F

Patrick Barton  
Ex 6

Dear Mr. Barton:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request received in our office on August 5, 2013, which we acknowledged on August 9, 2013.

#### **You requested:**

“All correspondence to and from the DOE Inspector General's office concerning their investigation of Bonneville's hiring practices dated from 1 January 2010 to the present.”

We had previously notified you that we expected to complete your request by May 11, 2015. We will be unable to complete your request by that deadline. Our legal team is still reviewing the responsive documents, therefore, our new target date for response to you is August 11, 2015. 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 E. Thanh Knudson, FOIA Case Coordinator (BPA Contractor, DEA Onsite), at (503) 230-5221.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. M. Frost", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

C. M. Frost  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer