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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

September 5, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Patrick Barton

Ex 6

FOIA #BPA-2013-00195-C

Dear Mr. Barton:

On July 22, 2013, the Department of Energy consulted Bonneville Power Administration regarding your request to them for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. This consult has been assigned a control number, BPA-2013-00195-C. Please use this number in any correspondence about your request.

You have requested the following:

“Communications and email from Connie Langston about the review at Bonneville related to the recent DOE-OIG Management Alert (DOE/IG-0891).”

BPA has twenty (20) working days to respond to your request. The due date for a response to you was Monday, August 19, 2013. Unfortunately, even taking the allowed ten-day extension BPA will not be able to complete your request in the time allotted by statute for “simple” requests.

As BPA is not staffed for forensic network recovery, we have contracted with a forensic specialist who is to begin work on Monday, September 9, 2013. We hope to provide an estimated date for a response within the week of their arrival.

Thank you for your patience with our process. Please contact Kim 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/Privacy Act Officer



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

January 27, 2014

In reply refer to: FOIA/Privacy Program

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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
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