



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

August 2, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian
1320 SW Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

FOIA #BPA-2013-01407-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 Friday, August 2, 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 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.”

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 Friday, August 30, 2013.

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

Sincerely,

For /s/ Paul F. Mautner

Christina J. Munro

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

September 3, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian
1320 SW Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

FOIA #BPA-2013-01407-F

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is taking an allowed ten working-day extension starting Friday, August 30, 2013, in order to complete your Freedom of Information Act request.

You requested:

“all email 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.”

The new target date for your response is Monday, September 16, 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



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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

December 9, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian
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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

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Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

February 12, 2014

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:

In a phone conversation with Kim Winn you clarified that the date range for your request for Steve Wright's emails (request #BPA-2013-01407-F) should remain between January 1, 2010, and present.

Also, BPA is in receipt of your new request of February 5, 2013, requesting: "all correspondence, emails, memos and meeting notes regarding the chief public affairs officer position and recruitment."

During our phone conversation regarding this request you clarified that all rating and ranking of candidates and notes of selection panel members should be included.

We have reviewed your new 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. This request has been assigned a control number BPA-2014-00554-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about this request.

The FOIA requires that we act on requests "promptly," and that we make a determination on your request and respond within 20 working days (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)). The Bonneville Power Administration has instituted multi-track processing, as permitted by FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(D)(i)). Simple requests and complex requests are placed in two different queues, and each queue is processed on its own first-in, first-out basis. Requests are placed in the complex queue if they will require significant agency time or resources to process. Your request has been placed in the complex queue because it involves searching voluminous, archived records and will require redactions of candidates personally identifiable information.

The goal date for completing your request is April 15, 2014.

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

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

April 2, 2014

In reply refer to: D-B1

Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian
1320 SW Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

FOIA #BPA-2013-01407-F

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request dated August 2, 2013. In our letter dated February 12, 2014, we notified you that we would not be able to complete the request within the normal statutory timeframe.

You requested:

“all e-mail to and from Steve Wright between January 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.”

The responsive documents are undergoing legal review. BPA now estimates it will be able to finalize your FOIA request(s) by Thursday, May 15, 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
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