



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

October 28, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Ben Tansey
Energy NewsData Publications
PO Box 900928, Queen Anne Stn.
Seattle, WA 98119-9228

FOIA #BPA-2014-00074-F

Dear Mr. Tansey:

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, October 15, 2013, and has been assigned control number BPA-2014-00074-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with BPA about your request.

You requested the following:

1. A complete copy of the "informal comments" referred to on page 23 of DOE/IG-0895 that were supplied by BPA.
2. Any other comments that BPA supplied in response to the findings reported by the IG in DOE/IG-0895.

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, November 13, 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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November 21, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

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FOIA #BPA-2014-00074-F

Dear Mr. Tansey:

BPA is unable to meet the allowed 30 work-day time frame set in the statute to complete your Freedom of Information Act request.

You requested:

- “1. A complete copy of the "informal comments" referred to on page 23 of DOE/IG-0895 that were supplied by BPA.
2. Any other comments that BPA supplied in response to the findings reported by the IG in DOE/IG-0895.”

BPA has determined that your request for information is a “complex” request. A complex request is defined in the FOIA where “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 the case of your request, BPA has found responsive records that will require a consultation with Carahsoft Technology Corporation and Forrester Consulting regarding any commercial and proprietary information in documents attached to a responsive email.

We are processing complex requests in a “first in, first out” basis and will keep you apprised of our progress. Our goal date for completing your request is Tuesday, December 31, 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

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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

December 24, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

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RE: Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dear Mr. Tansey:

I have analyzed the outstanding Freedom of Information Act requests you have submitted, and determined they meet the "unusual circumstances" criteria for FOIA requests (5 USC 552(a)(6)(B)(1)).

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-2013-01590-F – March 15, 2014

"The complete written report of the investigation made of a BPA Human Capital Management employee that was requested on or about Nov. 30, 2012 by BPA's Human Resources Manager, regarding claims of inappropriate or discriminatory hiring practices and/or discrimination against employees and/or veterans."

BPA-2014-00074-F – January 31, 2014

"1. A complete copy of the "informal comments" referred to on page 23 of DOE/IG-0895 that were supplied by BPA.
2. Any other comments that BPA supplied in response to the findings reported by the IG in DOE/IG-0895."

The statute requires that requests be acted on "promptly," and "every effort" be made to respond within 20 working days. However, BPA has determined that your requests for information are "complex" requests. A complex request is defined in the FOIA as "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.

BPA-2013-01590-F meets the unusual circumstances as there are voluminous archived records that will require redactions. BPA-2014-00074-F also meets the unusual circumstances criteria as we are required to consult with the Department of Energy.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. 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

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