



Department of Energy

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

SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

October 28, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian
1320 SW Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

FOIA #BPA-2014-00119-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 Tuesday, October 22, 2013, and has been assigned control number BPA-2014-00119-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with BPA about your request.

You requested the following:

“A copy of correspondence, electronic or otherwise, between BPA employees and contractors and Avue Technologies regarding Avue’s DOE/OPM DE audit analysis and recommendations, dated Sept 27, 2013. This includes but is not limited to any correspondence pre- or post-dating the analysis, such as a request to complete the work or a discussion of findings.”

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 20, 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

November 21, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian
1320 SW Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

FOIA #BPA-2014-00119-F

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

BPA is taking the allowed 10 working-day extension in order to complete your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

You requested:

“A copy of correspondence, electronic or otherwise, between BPA employees and contractors and Avue Technologies regarding Avue’s DOE/OPM DE audit analysis and recommendations, dated Sept 27, 2013. This includes but is not limited to any correspondence pre- or post-dating the analysis, such as a request to complete the work or a discussion of findings.”

The new target date for a response to you is Thursday, December 5, 2013.

Please contact Kim Winn, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist, at 503-230-5273 should you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro
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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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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

February 28, 2014

In reply refer to: D-1

Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian
1320 SW Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

FOIA #BPA-2014-00119-F

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

We have received your request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). Thank you for your interest in the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Your letter was originally received in this office on October 22, 2013, and was assigned control number FOIA #BPA-2014-00119-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency about your request.

You have requested:

“...a copy of correspondence, electronic or otherwise, between BPA employees and contractors and Avue Technologies regarding Avue’s DOE/OPM DE audit analysis and recommendations, dated September 27, 2013. This includes but is not limited to any correspondence pre- or post-dating the analysis, such as a request to complete the work or a discussion of the findings.”

In earlier acknowledgements, we had reviewed your letter and determined that it addresses all of the criteria of a proper request under FOIA, and the Department of Energy’s FOIA regulations at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004. Your fees have been waived.

Complex requests

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, after further review, it has been determined that a retrieval of archived records will be the first step in responding to your request. We have started that process. In addition, once the search is completed, there is a possibility some responsive records could fall under Exemption 4 of the FOIA. This would require an additional review and response time.

Unusual/exceptional circumstances

Under FOIA, an agency may extend the normal 20-day deadline by an additional 10 business days if “unusual circumstances” exist (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)). Unusual circumstances include the need to search records located in field facilities, requests for a voluminous amount of records, and requests that require consultation with other agencies or agency components, including Department of Energy headquarters. If an agency cannot fulfill the request within the 30 working days provided by the extended deadline, agencies must (a) notify the requester, and (b) work with the requester to modify or limit the scope of the request or arrange an alternative time frame for processing (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(ii)).

Your request involves unusual circumstances because at least fifteen either current, reassigned or retired employee’s archived emails will be part of the search for responsive records. We currently estimate that we can complete your request July 21, 2014. Because this date is outside of the permissible 30-day extended deadline, we will contact you shortly to discuss the possibility of modifying or limiting your request to permit faster processing.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Kim Winn, FOIA Government Information Specialist, at 503-230-7305.

Sincerely,

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



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

August 14, 2014

In reply refer to: FOIA #2014-00119-F

Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian
1320 SW Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request received in our office on October 22, 2013, which we acknowledged on October 28, 2013.

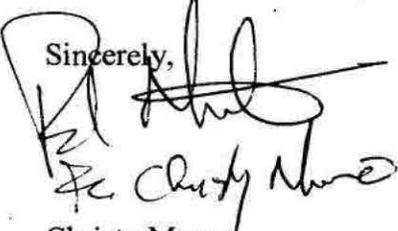
You requested:

"... a copy of correspondence, electronic or otherwise, between BPA employees and contractors and Avue Technologies regarding Avue's DOE/OPM DE audit analysis and recommendations, dated September 27, 2013. This includes but is not limited to any correspondence pre- or post-dating the analysis, such as a request to complete the work or a discussion of the findings."

We had previously notified you that we expected to complete your request by August 22, 2014. We will be unable to complete your request by that deadline. Our new target date for response to you is October 28, 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 Colleen Cushnie, FOIA Case Manager (BPA Contractor, ACS), at (503) 230-5986.

Sincerely,



Christy Munro

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

October 29, 2014

In reply refer to: FOIA #2014-00119-F

Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian
1500 SW First Ave., Suite 400
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request received in our office on October 22, 2013, which we acknowledged on October 28, 2013.

You requested:

"... a copy of correspondence, electronic or otherwise, between BPA employees and contractors and Avue Technologies regarding Avue's DOE/OPM DE audit analysis and recommendations, dated September 27, 2013. This includes but is not limited to any correspondence pre- or post-dating the analysis, such as a request to complete the work or a discussion of the findings."

We had previously notified you that we expected to complete your request by October 28, 2014. Due to the need for additional legal review, we will be unable to complete your request by that deadline. Our new target date for response to you is December 12, 2014.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Colleen Cushnie, FOIA Case Officer (BPA Contractor, ACS), at (503) 230-5986 or email at cacushnie@bpa.gov.

Sincerely,

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

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



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

December 17, 2014

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2014-00119-F

Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian
1500 SW First Ave., Suite 400
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request received in our office on October 22, 2013, which we acknowledged on October 28, 2013.

You requested:

“... a copy of correspondence, electronic or otherwise, between BPA employees and contractors and Avue Technologies regarding Avue’s DOE/OPM DE audit analysis and recommendations, dated September 27, 2013. This includes but is not limited to any correspondence pre- or post-dating the analysis, such as a request to complete the work or a discussion of the findings.”

We had previously notified you that we expected to complete your request by Friday, December 12, 2014. Due to the need for additional legal and DOE Headquarters review, we were unable to complete your request by that deadline. Our new target date for response to you is January 26, 2015.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Colleen Cushnie, FOIA Case Officer (BPA Contractor, ACS Professional Staffing), at (503) 230-5986 or email at cacushnie@bpa.gov.

Sincerely,



C. M. Frost
Freedom of Information Act Officer



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

February 24, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2014-00119-F

Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian
1500 SW First Ave., Suite 400
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Mr. Sickinger:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request received in our office on October 22, 2013, which we acknowledged on October 28, 2013.

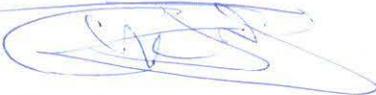
You requested:

“... a copy of correspondence, electronic or otherwise, between BPA employees and contractors and Avue Technologies regarding Avue’s DOE/OPM DE audit analysis and recommendations, dated September 27, 2013. This includes but is not limited to any correspondence pre- or post-dating the analysis, such as a request to complete the work or a discussion of the findings.”

We had previously notified you that we expected to complete your request by January 26, 2015. Due to the need for additional DOE Headquarters review, we were unable to complete your request by that deadline. Our new target date for response to you is Friday, March 27, 2015.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Colleen Cushnie, FOIA Case Coordinator (BPA Contractor, ACS Professional Staffing), at (503) 230-5986 or email at cacushnie@bpa.gov.

Sincerely,



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