



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: NN-1

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### FOIA #BPA-2014-00409-F

Dear Mr. Dunne,

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 December 23, 2013, and has been assigned a control number, BPA-2014-00409-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

#### **You have requested:**

Copies of contracts between BPA and EWEB concerning weatherization projects (energy efficiency projects) in effect for the years 1983-1986 under the BPA Weatherization Pilot Program, Residential Weatherization Program and Long-Term Weatherization Program.

We have reviewed your letter 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.

Your request for waiver fees is granted.

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 request for information is a "complex" request. 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.

As the search will involve inactive records and redaction of third party records, we will be unable to meet the 20 work-day time frame set in the statute. Additionally, "exceptional circumstances" exist due to an unexpected and unusual spike in the volume of requests. 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 September 30, 2014.

As required by FOIA, we are informing you that you have 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. Please contact this office if you wish to make those arrangements.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Kim Winn, Government Information Specialist (FOIA/Privacy Act), at 503-230-7305 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

*/s/Christina J. Munro*

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Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer