



Department of Energy

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

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

February 26, 2014

In reply refer to: D-1

Charles Johnson
Physicians for Social Responsibility
812 SW Washington St, Suite 1050
Portland, OR 97205

FOIA #BPA-2014-00614-F

Dear Mr. Johnson:

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 Tuesday, February 11, 2014, and assigned a control number, BPA-2014-00614-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

You requested:

“All documents pertaining to the Energy Northwest-Paducah fuel transaction; including computer models, internal memos, and emails.”

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 a waiver of fees is granted. However, your request to expedite your request is denied. It does not meet the criteria for expediting a FOIA request.

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 the responsive documents will require external review by Energy Northwest. The goal date for a response to you is July 31, 2014.

Please contact Kim Winn, FOIA Public Liaison, 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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March 10, 2014

In reply refer to: NN-1

Charles Johnson
Physicians for Social Responsibility
812 SW Washington St, Suite 1050
Portland, OR 97205

FOIA #BPA-2014-00614-F

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is to clarify your request made to the Bonneville Power Administration under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

In a phone conversation on Thursday, February 27, with Kim Winn, FOIA Public Liaison, and Paul Bentrup, BPA Nuclear Engineer, Rose Anderson from McCullough Research revised the request to: "Information related to Energy Northwest's Uranium Tails Program, the re-enrichment of depleted uranium at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant site during the period of March 2012 through November 2013. This is to include computer models, internal memos, and emails involving financial aspects of the program."

Even with the more limited scope, the documents are voluminous and will require consulting with the United States Enrichment Corporation, Tennessee Valley Authority, Energy Northwest, the Department of Energy, and others. Because of the level of complexity, the goal date for a response to you has been revised to December 31, 2014.

We realize this date is outside of the permissible 30-day extended deadline, if there is a possibility of further refining or limiting your request, it may result in faster processing.

Please contact Kim Winn at 503-230-5273 should you have 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 PROGRAM

December 23, 2014

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA 2014-00614-F

Mr. Chuck Johnson
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
812 SW Washington Street, Suite 1050
Portland, OR 97202

Mr. Johnson:

This communication concerns your request for Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) records in accord with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your FOIA request was received in our office on February 11, 2014 with an acknowledgement letter sent to you on February 26, 2014. Further, BPA communicated with McCullough Research on February 27, 2014 and the original request was thereafter revised. BPA confirmed this revision in our March 10, 2014 letter to you.

You requested:

Initial request: "All documents pertaining to the Energy Northwest-Paducah fuel transaction; including computer models, internal memos, and emails."

Revised request: "Information related to Energy Northwest's Uranium Tails Program, the re-enrichment of depleted uranium at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant site during the period of March 2012 through November 2013. This is to include computer models, internal memos, and emails involving financial aspects of the program."

The BPA records gathered in response to the revised request are voluminous and will need detailed content review for potential statutorily required exemptions. Also, under the FOIA, BPA is required to consult with the United States Enrichment Corporation, Tennessee Valley Authority, Energy Northwest, the Department of Energy, and others, prior to releasing the records. These review efforts are all ongoing. Because of the level of complexity of the FOIA process and the volume of responsive records, we are extending the target date for a response to June 30, 2015.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have questions about this communication, please contact James King, FOIA Case Officer (CorSource Technology Group, Inc., assigned to BPA), at 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,

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

C. M. Frost
Freedom of Information/ Act Officer



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

June 22, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA 2014-00614-F

Mr. Chuck Johnson
Oregon/Washington Joint Nuclear Power Task Force Director
Physicians for Social Responsibility
812 SW Washington Street, Suite 1050
Portland, OR 97202

Mr. Johnson:

This communication concerns your request for Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) records in accord with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your FOIA request was received at BPA on February 11, 2014, with an acknowledgement letter sent to you on February 26, 2014. Further, BPA communicated with McCullough Research on February 27, 2014 and the original request was thereafter revised. BPA confirmed this revision in our March 10, 2014 letter to you.

You requested:

Initial February 11, 2014 request: "All documents pertaining to the Energy Northwest-Paducah fuel transaction; including computer models, internal memos, and emails." And revised February 27, 2014 as, "Information related to Energy Northwest's Uranium Tails Program, the re-enrichment of depleted uranium at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant site during the period of March 2012 through November 2013. This is to include computer models, internal memos, and emails involving financial aspects of the program."

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We appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have questions about this communication, please contact James King (CorSource Technology Group, Inc.), assigned to BPA, at 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,



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



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

August 17, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA 2014-00614-F

Charles K. Johnson
Director, Joint Task Force on Nuclear Power
Oregon and Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility
1020 SW Taylor Street, Suite 275
Portland, OR 97205

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This communication concerns your above referenced request for Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) records in accord with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA).

To recapitulate, your FOIA request was received at BPA on February 11, 2014, with an acknowledgement letter sent to you on February 26, 2014. Further, BPA communicated with McCullough Research on February 27, 2014 and the original request was thereafter revised. BPA confirmed this revision in our March 10, 2014 letter to you.

The Request:

Initial February 11, 2014 request: "All documents pertaining to the Energy Northwest-Paducah fuel transaction; including computer models, internal memos, and emails." And revised February 27, 2014 as, "Information related to Energy Northwest's Uranium Tails Program, the re-enrichment of depleted uranium at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant site during the period of March 2012 through November 2013. This is to include computer models, internal memos, and emails involving financial aspects of the program."

Transfer of Request from BPA to the Department of Energy:

As we communicated to you in our letter dated June 22, 2015, the BPA records gathered in response to your request are voluminous and require detailed content review for potential statutorily required exemptions. Also, under the FOIA, BPA is required to consult with the United States Enrichment Corporation, Tennessee Valley Authority, Energy Northwest, the Department of Energy (DOE), and others, prior to releasing any responsive records. During the course of those actions, BPA concluded that because of the potentially restricted nature of the information contained in the responsive records, BPA was obligated to tender your FOIA request, and the responsive records, to DOE for a formal response and for the application of possible exemptions under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) and 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) and 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Consequently, and in accord with the forgoing information and conditions, BPA has

administratively closed your request for records. Your request for records was transferred to DOE on July 31, 2015. Further responses to your request will be forthcoming from DOE, and may include a new FOIA reference and tracking number. Your point of contact and response at DOE is now:

Alexander C. Morris, FOIA Officer
U.S. Department of Energy
FOIA Requester Service Center
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Mail Stop MA-90
Washington, DC 20585

If you have questions about this closure and transfer, please contact James King (CorSource Technology Group, Inc.), assigned to BPA, at 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,



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