



## Department of Energy

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

March 12, 2014

In reply refer to: D-1

Richard van Dijk

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### FOIA #BPA-2014-00699-F

Dear Mr. van Dijk:

Thank you for your request for records that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552. Your request was officially received in this office on Monday, March 10, 2014, and has been assigned a control number, BPA-2014-00699-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

#### **You requested:**

“Provide copies of all executed Cluster Study Agreements (CSAs) and Transmission Service Requests (TSRs) received by BPA as related to the 2013 Cluster Study. If a document in table form is currently available that lists all the TSRs with the following information: Customer Name, Start/Stop Dates, MW requested, Point of Receipt (POR) and Point of Delivery (POD), then that maybe provided instead.”

We have 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 request for a waiver of fees is granted.

#### **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 it involves customer information and agreements.

**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 the customer information and agreements will require review by each customer. We currently estimate that we can complete your request by **December 31, 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 Public Liaison, at 503-230-5273.

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro

Christina J. Munro  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer