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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

To make an Electronic FOIA (E-FOIA) request, please provide the information below. Failure to enter accurate and complete information may render your FOIA request impossible to fulfill.

Requests submitted under the Privacy Act must be signed and, therefore, cannot be submitted on this form.

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Reasonably Describe Records

Describe the specific record(s) you seek with sufficient detail that a knowledgeable official of the activity may locate the record with a reasonable amount of effort. Such detail should include: dates, titles, file designations, and offices to be searched.

Since most DOE records are not retained permanently, the more information you provide, the better the opportunity there is to determine if the records involved still exist and where. The FOIA clearly states that records must exist at the time the request is submitted.

Enter description:

Thank you for providing Geomagnetically Induced Current (GIC) data under our previous September 7, 2012 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. This data was very helpful although it had a five minute cadence.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, we hereby request the following information which will allow more detailed scientific study:

GIC data for all available monitoring stations on the following dates at the shortest cadence available, i.e. the cadence at which the data was originally recorded and stored. (This may be 5 second cadence, 60 second cadence, etcetera, but we respectfully request the shortest cadence available.):

1. July 15, 2000
2. October 29-31, 2003
3. January 21, 2005

We ask that this information be provided in electronic format, which also should be the format in which this information is stored.

Mr. Donald Watkins of your agency should know how to access this information. He can be reached at:
email: dswatkins@bpa.gov
phone: 360-418-2344

The Foundation for Resilient Societies is an incorporated non-profit formed for the purposes of education and scientific study, and this request is made for scholarly and scientific purposes and not for commercial use.

We request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in our commercial interest.

Specify preferred form or format:

Electronic

Type of Requester

Select a description of yourself and the purpose of the request to help determine your category for assessing fees:

- An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.
- Affiliated with an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, and this request is made for scholarly or scientific purposes and not for commercial use.
- Affiliated with a private corporation and seeking information for the use in the company's business.
- A representative of the news media affiliated with

and the request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

Select Type of media:

Newspaper

Magazine

Television Station

Other:

Fees and Fee Waivers

Your request must include a statement that (1) you agree to pay any fees that may be incurred to process the request, (2) stipulates an amount you are willing to pay, or (3) requests specific waiver or reduction of fees.

Please select the statement that applies:

I agree to pay all applicable fees.

I agree to pay up to a specified amount for fees.

Enter amount

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

If you request a waiver or reduction of fees, we will consider the following six factors to make a determination. Please provide information that addresses these factors:

The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns, "the operations or activities of the government."

The requested information concerns the operations and activities of the BPA in monitoring and mitigating the impacts of GIC.

The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is, "likely to contribute," to an understanding of government operations or activities.

The requested information is likely to contribute to public understanding of the impacts of GIC on transformers within the BPA network and also on the bulk power system for the Western Interconnection.

The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

Commercial electric utilities do not commonly release GIC data and very limited GIC data is available for research purposes. Therefore, the release of BPA GIC data is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of the impact of GIC on BPA operations, and to the operations of the bulk power system for the Western Interconnection.

The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

The requested information will contribute to public understanding of the impacts and potential mitigation measures for GIC. We plan to scientifically analyze the GIC data and produce a public summary of its meaning and implications.

The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so.

The requestor is a non-profit foundation and does not seek a commercial interest in requesting, using, or disseminating this information.

The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is significantly large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is, "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

The requester has no commercial interest in obtaining this information; the information will be used primarily in the public interest.

If my request for a waiver or reduction in fees is denied, I agree to pay up to (enter amount) \$0.00 to process my request.

Expedited Processing

I request expedited processing of the request and provide a justification below. I believe a compelling need exists to warrant expedited processing because there is:

- an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual.
- an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity (this option available ONLY for requesters primarily engaged in disseminating information).

Please provide your specific justification for expedited processing:

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Enter the sum of the digits on the left into the box below.

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