



Department of Energy

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

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In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2014-01562-F

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Ms. Backman:

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 received in this office on August 5, 2014, and has been assigned control number BPA-2014-01562-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency about your request.

You requested:

A copy of the contract between BPA and RAMS Security in effect on October 8, 2012.

We have reviewed your letter and determined that it addresses all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and the Department of Energy's FOIA regulations at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004. You have agreed to pay all applicable fees associated with this request.

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.

In this instance, BPA will need to obtain approval from RAMS Security to release any privileged information. Under FOIA Exemption 4 federal agencies can withhold "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged and confidential (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4))." Therefore, we currently estimate the completion of your request by October 30, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christy Munro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "R".

Christy Munro
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer