



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

September 12, 2014

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2014-01787-F

Dan Seligman
Columbia Research Corp.
PO Box 99249
Seattle, WA 98139

Dear Mr. Seligman:

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 request was received in this office on August 28, 2014, and has been assigned control number BPA-2014-01787-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency about your request.

You requested:

1. "A copy of the letter from BPA to former administrator Steve Wright asking him to provide all e-mails to or from Washington2 Advocates and which were sent or received from Wright's non-government e-mail address"
2. "A copy of the e-mails provided by Wright in response to the request above" and,
3. "All other e-mails on any subject to or from Wright that were sent or received on a non-government address."

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 \$50 in applicable fees. However, fees will be waived in this instance due to the public interest in this issue.

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.

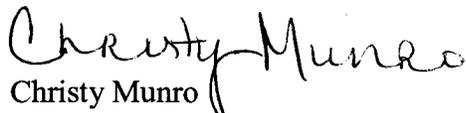
Unusual/exceptional circumstances:

Under FOIA, an agency may extend the normal 20-day deadline by an additional ten 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 (DOE) 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)).

In this instance, BPA will need to consult with DOE as the request involves a former DOE Senior Executive Service employee. Therefore, we currently estimate the completion of your request by January 9, 2015. 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.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact James King, FOIA Case Officer (BPA Contractor, CorSource), at 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,



Christy Munro
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer



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January 7, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2014-01787-F

Dan Seligman
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Seattle, WA 98139

Dear Mr. Seligman:

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 request was received in this office on August 28, 2014. An acknowledgment of that request as sent to you on September 12, 2014.

You requested:

1. "A copy of the letter from BPA to former administrator Steve Wright asking him to provide all e-mails to or from Washington2 Advocates and which were sent or received from Wright's non-government e-mail address"
2. "A copy of the e-mails provided by Wright in response to the request above" and,
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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 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 April 30, 2015.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact James King, FOIA Case Officer, CorSource Technology Group, Inc., assigned to Bonneville Power Administration, at 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,



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