



## Department of Energy

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

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In reply refer to: BPA-2015-00340-F

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Due to the size of the responsive documents they cannot be posted. To obtain a copy contact the BPA FOIA Office at 503-230-5273.

Dear Mr. Iboshi,

This is a final response to your request for Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your request was received in our office on December 10, 2014, which we acknowledged on December 31, 2014.

### **From BPA you requested:**

1. "Information on the Bonneville Power Administration's fixed wing aircraft for Fiscal Year 2012, 2013, and 2014, [including] a list of all trips during this period, all flight manifests for this period, and operating costs for each aircraft broken down by Fiscal Year."
2. Any reviews of the continuing need for all BPA aircraft generated since Fiscal Year 2008. This information may be contained in a Capital Asset Plan and Business Case Summary (Capital Asset Plan).
3. Any internal audit reports related to BPA aircraft provided by the Office of Aviation Management for Fiscal Years 2008-2014."

### **Response:**

We conducted a search of the paper and electronic records of the BPA's Office of Aviation for items 1-3. Internal audit reports, responsive to Item 3, were transferred to the Department of Energy for release. You will receive a response directly from them.

We have located 505 pages of material responsive to your request. We are releasing 346 pages in full and releasing 159 pages with redactions under Exemption 6 (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)). The Freedom of Information Act generally requires the release of all government records upon request. However, FOIA permits withholding certain, limited information that falls under one or more of nine statutory exemptions (5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(1-9)).

Exemption 6 protects information in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)). Exemption 6 requires balancing the public interest in the

information against the individual privacy interest at issue. Here, we assert this exemption to redact telephone numbers of passengers on BPA flight. We find no public interest in this information and therefore redact it under Exemption 6.

Information that falls under Exemption 6 cannot be discretionarily released; the right of privacy belongs to the individual, not to the agency. Therefore, we did not analyze this information under the discretionary release guidelines in Attorney General Holder's March 19, 2009, FOIA Memorandum.

There are no fees associated with this request.

**Appeal:**

Pursuant to Department of Energy FOIA regulations at 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, you may administratively appeal this response in writing within 30 calendar days. If you choose to appeal, please include the following:

- (1) The nature of your appeal - denial of records, partial denial of records, adequacy of search, or denial of fee waiver;
- (2) Any legal authorities relied upon to support the appeal; and
- (3) A copy of the determination letter.

Clearly mark both your letter and envelope with the words "FOIA Appeal," and direct it to the following address:

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals  
Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington DC 20585-1615

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the determination withhold the information described above under Exemption 6. I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact E. Thanh Knudson (Case Coordinator, DEA Onsite) at 503-230-5221, or via email at [etknudson@bpa.gov](mailto:etknudson@bpa.gov).

Sincerely,



C. M. Frost  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

Enclosure: Responsive Documents from FOIA request