



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

FREEDOME OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

January 26, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA 2015-00508-F

Larry G. Johnson

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Mr. Johnson:

This communication acknowledges your request to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), (5 U.S.C. § 552). Your request was received on January 13, 2015, and has been assigned control number BPA-2014-00508-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency about your request.

You requested:

"...all documents, electronic or otherwise, draft and final, including e-mail correspondence, presentations, correspondence, draft agreements, and notes related to...the design, purpose, need, scope, studies and objections to or concerns about the project presently referred to as Energize Eastside (Project as proposed by Puget Sound Energy [(PSE)]. These requests also extend to a project that was/is an immediate precursor to the Project, proposed by PSE to the Columbia Grid consortium, and referred to by PSE as "Sammamish-Lakeside-Talbot Hill" [(SLTH)]. [SLTH is] a regional grid reinforcement project which involved/involves the [Project's] subsequently designated segments "C-E-J-M"[,] and [which] propos[ed] the same kind of upgrade in the existing 115kV lines to 230kV[,], with an upgraded or new transformer at Lakeside.

Documents requested include, but are not limited to, those documents relating to any proposed or actual cost sharing by or between utilities associated with or otherwise contacted concerning the Project and/or [SLTH], including by and between Seattle City Light [(SCL)], PSE and BPA, including draft and final agreements, e-mail correspondence, and invoices.

Documents requested also include those related to the Project and/or [SLTH] which were transmitted between or among SCL and any other agencies, energy [companies] and other companies, and/or non-profit consortia, including, but not limited to, BPA, PSE, other Seattle City departments, ColumbiaGrid, FLRC, and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council. Further, all documents, electronic or otherwise, draft and final, including e-mail correspondence, are requested concerning any and all communications between PSE and SCL with respect to any

use or sharing of SCL's rights of way and/or easements and/or power lines which are located on the Eastside.

Please include in your search and production of these documents any and all load and/or reliability forecasts for the future electricity needs of the Eastside[,] or any portion of it[,] in your possession, regardless of by whom made or for what purpose.

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Acknowledgement and Fee Waiver:

We have reviewed your request and have determined that it fulfills all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and the Department of Energy's (DOE) FOIA regulations at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004.

Your request for a fee waiver is granted.

Complex requests:

The 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)). However, the Bonneville Power Administration has instituted multi-track processing, as permitted by FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(D)(i)). In accord with this process, 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 require significant agency time or resources to process. We have determined that a response to your request will require a review for statutory exemptions, consultations with those third parties identified in your request, and possibly consultations with DOE. We have therefore designated your request as complex.

Unusual/exceptional circumstances:

Under the FOIA, an agency may extend the response time 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. We have determined that a response to your request will likely include a voluminous amount of records and require consultation with DOE headquarters. We have therefore determined that your request involves unusual circumstances.

In light of the above conditions and determinations, we currently estimate the completion of your request by April 30, 2014.

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



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Freedom of Information Act Program

August 31, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA 2015-00508-F

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

This communication is a further response to your request to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), (5 U.S.C. § 552). Your request was received on January 14, 2015, and was acknowledged on January 26, 2015.

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Response Update

A search of the electronic records in BPA's Transmission Sales and Transmission Project Management departments has been conducted and records responsive to your request have been gathered. In an effort to accommodate the ongoing statutorily required review of the volume of records gathered, and provide those records expediently, we have been reviewing and releasing records to you in partial increments. Previously, BPA provided you records responsive to your request on April 30, 2015, May 14, 2015 and June 8, 2015.

BPA's response effort for your FOIA request is ongoing. Because of the level of complexity of the FOIA review effort and the volume of responsive records, we are extending the target date for completion of your request to December 31, 2015.

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December 31, 2015

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BPA’s response effort for your FOIA request is ongoing, but is now nearing completion. Because of the level of complexity of the FOIA review effort and the volume of responsive records, we are extending the target date for completion of your request to February 17, 2016.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

February 17, 2016

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If you have questions you may contact James King, CorSource Technology Group, Inc., assigned to BPA, at 503-230-7621.

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