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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

March 24, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA 2015-000987-F

Herrn Frank Ehebrecht

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Mr. Ehebrecht:

This communication acknowledges your request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), (5 U.S.C. § 552), to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Your request was received on March 11, 2015, and has been assigned control number BPA-2015-00987-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency about your request.

You requested:

"... data [regarding] the outage of August 10th of 1996."

Acknowledgement and Fees:

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.

At this point in the process of our response to your request, we do not anticipate assessing fees for searching, reviewing and otherwise processing your request. We reserve the option to revisit the assessment of fees if the volume and/or complexity of responsive records warrants. We will contact you to solicit your acceptance of any fees prior to assessing any fees.

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, BPA 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 may require significant agency time or resources to process. We have therefore designated your request as complex.

Unusual 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 potentially require consultation with other agencies or agency components. We have determined that a response to your request may include a voluminous amount of records and may require consultations. 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 Monday, May 11, 2015.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact James King (CorSource Technology Group, Inc.), assigned to the BPA FOIA office, at 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,



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