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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

May 7, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA 2015-01221-F

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Ms. Genson:

We received your request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)(5 U.S.C. § 552). Thank you for your interest in the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Your request was received in this office on April 27, 2015, and has been assigned control number FOIA-BPA-2015-01221-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency about your request.

You requested:

“...documentation relating to "person" contributions from the BPA, as reported to the IRS by "Heernett Environmental Foundation, Inc.," a Florida non-profit... [and] ... supporting documentation of these contributions from BPA to Heernett, as reported on the [provided] documents... Supporting documents could include things like a contract between BPA and Heernett, and employee names, timesheets, project names, progress reports, etc.”

You clarified your request:

“I don't need the pricing information. I'm mainly checking for the validity of the filing.”

We've reviewed your complete request and have determined that it addresses 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.

Fee:

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, 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/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 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 July 31, 2015.

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

Sincerely,



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