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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

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In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2015-01296-F

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Dr. Johnson:

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 May 8, 2015, and has been assigned control number BPA-2015-01296-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency about your request.

You requested:

“Enclosure 1: GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy, "Energy Northwest Columbia Generating Station Jet Pump 17/18 Riser Evaluation at 106% Rated Core Flow (115 Mlbs/hr)," Report 001 N6043.4 Revision 1 PLM Specification 001 N6043 Revision 4 dated February 2015 (GEH Proprietary information - Class 11 (internal proprietary evaluation document)). It is from the April 14, 2015 letter from DW Gregoire of Energy Northwest to the NRC with subject: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397 DEVIATION FROM BWRVIP FLAW EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR JET PUMP RISER INDICATION.

We would also like to see the redacted version of the document and other internal studies and emails relating to it.”

We have reviewed your letter and determined that although 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, it may be duplicative of a previous request with the tracking number of BPA-2014-00614-F.

Your request for a waiver of fees is granted.

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.

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 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)).

This is a complex request as the responsive records will need to undergo a review by Energy Northwest prior to release. Therefore, we currently estimate the completion of your request by December 31, 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.

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

Sincerely,



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Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer