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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

July 2, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2015-01342-F

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Dear Ms. Anderson:

This communication is a final response to your request for records, control number BPA-2015-01342-F, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. § 552). Your FOIA request was received in this office on May 21, 2015, and was formally acknowledged on June 3, 2015.

You requested:

“ ... a copy of the ‘intensive study performed by BPA Finance Staff in which public utilities across North America were surveyed about their discount theory and practice.’ (Referenced on page 4 of this BPA document:

<https://www.bpa.gov/Finance/FinancialPublicProcesses/CapitalInvestmentReview/2014CIRDocuments/2014%20CIR%20Workshop%20Follow%20Ups.pdf>)”

Response:

We have communicated with the most knowledgeable BPA personnel and searched the electronic files of the BPA Analysis & Requirements and the BPA Budget Planning & Forecasting sections. No records responsive to your request exist. (We note that the on page 4, paragraph 3, of the reference document, the word “study” is used as a verb, rather than as a noun. BPA has “studied data intensively,” but no “intensive study” was generated by BPA.)

Fees:

There are no fees associated with this request.

Appeal:

You may seek administrative appeal pursuant to Department of Energy FOIA regulations at 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. If you choose to appeal, you must do so in writing within 30 days, and include the following information:

- (1) The nature of your appeal - denial of records, partial denial of records, lack of responsive records, or denial of fee waiver;
- (2) Any legal authorities relied upon to support the appeal; and
- (3) A copy of this 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

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

Sincerely,



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