



## Department of Energy

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

January 20, 2016

In reply refer to: **FOIA #BPA-2016-00278-F**

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Dear Mr. Buchal:

This communication is a final response to your requests for records made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

### **November 19, 2015 Request:**

“...documents which identify all primary sites on the BPA power transmission grid where BPA has concerns about vegetation creating risks to the transmission lines, and has communicated such concerns to the landowners, and for each such site, the empirical measurement data, consisting of actual ground observations, that measure the ground-to-line heights.”

In response to the above request BPA advised you on December 10, 2015 that the request language, as written, rendered your request overbroad, unreasonably burdensome, and would result in the collection of a prohibitively large volume of records. BPA invited you to revise your request and also advised you of a FOIA fee structure concomitant with the above request, and requested your agreement to pay that fee. You replied on December 10, 2015 as follows.

### **December 10, 2015 Request:**

“1. Any summary list of sites with vegetation BPA believes creates risks to the transmission lines that has been communicated to Robin Furrer, Transmission Field Services Vice President; and 2. Documents which identify all sites on the BPA power transmission grid where the Vegetation Management & Access Maintenance Department has communicated concerns about vegetation creating risks to the transmission lines to landowners since January 1, 2015, and for each such site, the empirical measurement data, consisting of actual ground observations, that measure the ground-to-line heights.”

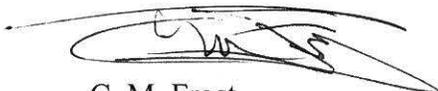
In response to the above revised request BPA advised you on December 17, 2015 that the revised request language, as written, would result in the collection of a large volume of records. BPA also advised you of a revised FOIA fee structure concomitant with the above revised request, and requested your agreement to pay that revised fee.

**Response:**

After 30 days, BPA has not received your reply to its December 17, 2015 fee agreement solicitation to you. As such, this communication confirms that your FOIA requests are now administratively closed for failure to address the fee structure or further clarify the requests. No further action will be taken by BPA. Because your FOIA request was administratively closed, and no final determination was made on records, you do not have appeal rights under Department of Energy FOIA regulations at 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. You may, of course, resubmit your FOIA request at any time.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. M. Frost', is written over a horizontal line.

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