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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

January 22, 2016

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2016-00403-F

John Fahlstrom

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Dear Mr. Fahlstrom,

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has received your request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). Your request was received in this office on January 20, 2016, and has been assigned tracking number BPA-2016-00403-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your request.

You requested:

"...BPA's logs and records, including GPS recordings for any and all utility activity between the Grizzly AC substation and the Ponderosa AC substation, (whether it be a "BPA" crew or a subcontractor assigned by BPA) [for] January 8, 2016."

Acknowledgement:

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.

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 a review for statutory exemptions and possibly consultations with third parties identified in records responsive to your request. We have therefore designated your request as complex.

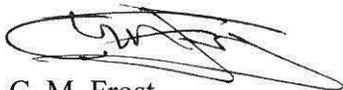
Unusual/exceptional circumstances:

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 require consultation with other agencies or agency components. We have determined that a response to your request may include a search for records located in field facilities. 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 March 31, 2016.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact James King, FOIA Case Officer (CorSource Technology Group, Inc.), assigned to BPA, at 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,



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