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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

April 27, 2016

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2016-00812-F

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Dear Mr. Moore,

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 April 18, 2016, and has been assigned tracking number BPA-2016-005812-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your request.

Request

“...information you may have (easement, easement to tower relationship, etc.) on that portion of the BPA easement running through the southwest quarter of section 10, township 24 north, range 4 east, W.M., lying westerly of old military road... .”

April 21, 2016 Clarification

In telephone conversation on April 21, 2106 you indicated that the easement you are interested in is associated with the Tacoma-Covington line in Federal Way, Washington.

April 27, 2016 Clarification

Via email on April 21, 2106 you a provided additional information in the form of, “... a king county assessors map of the quarter section in which the easement runs through. It runs from Northeast to Southwest through the middle of the quarter section.”

Acknowledgement

We have reviewed your request and clarification 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 BPA 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 the 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 consultations with possible third parties. 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 agency components. We have determined that a response to your request may possibly require consultation with other agency components. 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 or before May 19, 2016.

Fee

Further, due to those same conditions, BPA cannot at this early stage provide you with a precise estimate of the fees quantifiable in gathering and processing the records responsive to your request. BPA will provide you with a FOIA fee estimate in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions about this communication, you may contact James King (CorSource Technology Group, Inc.), assigned to the BPA FOIA office, at 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,



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