



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

August 26, 2016

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2016-00852-F

William Campbell
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

This communication serves as the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, BPA-2016-00852-F. Your compound request was received in this office on April 26, 2016 and on May 3, 2016. Your submission was first acknowledged on May 2, 2016 and again on May 6, 2016 (following your May 3, 2016 update.)

Request

"...any and all communications between Bonneville Power Authority (BPA) and Southern California Edison (SCE) since January 1, 2013 regarding the cost, reliability, and environmental concerns of that portion of SCE's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project to install underground electric transmission wires (500 kilovolt) through the communities of Chino and Chino Hills, California. Communications between BPA and SCE includes emails, letters, notes or internal emails summarizing calls, and notes or internal emails summarizing any meetings."

May 3, 2016 Clarification

By email dated May 3, 2016, you expanded your request as follows: "Please expand the search for records relevant to my FOIA request [BPA-2016-00852-F] to include the Administrator/ CEO, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, all Senior Vice Presidents, and all Vice Presidents. Please advise if I need to resubmit my FOIA request to specifically include these offices for any and all communications between Bonneville Power Authority (BPA) and Southern California Edison (SCE) since January 1, 2013 regarding the cost, reliability, and environmental concerns of that portion of SCE's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project to install underground electric transmission wires (500 kilovolt) through the communities of Chino and Chino Hills, California."

Response

In accord with the FOIA requirements and practices, BPA has conducted electronic searches of records associated with the following agency offices:

Transmission	Substation Ops Celilo
Transmission Sales	Substation Engineering
Transmission Reliability Planning	Substation Design
Transmission Project Management	Operations Support
Transmission Planning	SPC Celilo
Transmission Services	Engineering and Technical Services
Transmission Services Plan	The Dalles District
Transmission Field Services	BPA Executive Offices
Transmission Marketing & Sales	Office of the General Counsel
Planning & Asset Management	

No records responsive to your request were located. Your FOIA request BPA-2016-00852-F is closed, with no available agency records to provide. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the determination of the information described above.

Fee

There are no FOIA fees applicable to the fulfillment of this request.

Appeal

This decision, as well as the adequacy of the search, may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to:

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals,
HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585-1615

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: 1) in the district where you reside; 2) where you have your principal place of business; 3) where DOE's records are situated; or 4) in the District of Columbia.

You may also contact BPA's FOIA Public Liaison, Sarah Westenberg, at the address on this letter header for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Phone: 202-741-5770
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448
Fax: 202-741-5769

If you have 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



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May 6, 2016

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Dear Mr. Campbell,

This communication serves as a superseding acknowledgment of the above cited Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) received your request for records under the FOIA. Your request was received in this office on April 26, 2016, and has been assigned tracking number BPA-2016-00852-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your request. Your request was first acknowledged on May 2, 2016. This communication supersedes that May 2, 2016 acknowledgment.

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Acknowledgement

We have reviewed your request and your clarification and have determined that they fulfill 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. You need not submit an additional FOIA request.

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—most likely Southern California Edison. 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 July 29, 2016.

Fee

You requested a waiver of FOIA fees. Your request is denied. However, as an “individual requester” BPA can provide you with two free hours of search time as allowed for by the FOIA. Over those two hours, you have agreed to pay \$ 25.00 in fees. Your request parameters may necessitate a fee assessment in excess of \$ 25.00. BPA will contact you to seek your agreement to pay a greater fee amount, if that becomes necessary.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. M. Frost', written over a horizontal line.

C. M. Frost
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