



Department of Energy

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

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In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2016-01250-F

Dale W. Church

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Mr. Church:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has received your request for records under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a). Your request was received in this office on August 1, 2016, and has been assigned tracking number **BPA-2016-01250-F**. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your request.

Your Request:

“Please provide the complete submitted resumes with all other qualification, assessment, veteran information for each of the 2014 PSC trainees hired under the priority placement program in an attempt to restore hiring authority back to BPA.”

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:

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)). The Bonneville Power Administration has instituted multi-track processing, as permitted by FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(D)(i)). 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 will require significant agency time or resources to process.

Unusual/exceptional circumstances:

Under FOIA, an agency may extend the normal 20-day deadline by an additional ten business days 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

including Department of Energy headquarters. If an agency cannot fulfill the request within the 30 working days provided by the extended deadline, agencies must (a) notify the requester and (b) work with the requester to modify or limit the scope of the request or arrange an alternative time frame for processing (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(ii)).

Due to the large volume of responsive documents, we currently estimate completion of your request by February 24, 2017. Because this date is outside the permissible 30-day extended deadline, we will contact you shortly to discuss the possibility of modifying or limiting your request to permit faster processing.

Fees:

Your request for a fee waiver is denied. Requestors are entitled to two free hours of search time and beyond that, the requestor is responsible for any additional fees associated with the request.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact E. Thanh Knudson, Case Coordinator (Flux Resources, LLP) at (503) 230-5221.

Sincerely,



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Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer