Department of Energy

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

August 15, 2016

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2016-01296-F

Tanya Snyder
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Dear Ms. Snyder:

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 August 3, 2016, and has been assigned tracking number BPA-2016-01296-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your request.

Request

"...all emails that still exist, as sent and received by Sandra Boardman from 10/1/2015 - current date the records are pulled."

Clarification

On August 3, 2016 you indicated via reply email that you seek, "...a dump of every email sent or received within the timeframe specified."

Acknowledgement

We have reviewed your request and clarification and have determined that they fulfill all 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.

Fee

You have agreed to pay $ 25.00 in FOIA fees. Owing to possible extended search time, BPA may be required to assess fees in excess of the amount you have agreed to. BPA may contact you at a later date to solicit your fee agreement prior to records release.

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 on a very large volume of email records. We have therefore designated your request as complex.

Unusual and 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 comprise a voluminous amount of records. We have therefore determined that your request involves unusual circumstances.

In light of the above conditions and determinations, we currently estimate completion of your request by February 17, 2017.

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