



## Department of Energy

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

December 5, 2016

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2016-01312-F

Patrick Malone  
Center for Public Integrity  
910 17th St. NW, Seventh Floor  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Malone,

This communication is Bonneville Power Administration's final response to your request for agency records under the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your FOIA request was received at BPA on July 21, 2016 as a transfer from the Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Inspector General (OIG), and was reassigned tracking number BPA-2016-01312-F. Your request was formally acknowledged by BPA on August 18, 2016.

### **Request**

"Pertaining to the Department of Energy Office of Inspector General Special Report (DOE/IG-09-46) titled 'The Department of Energy's Freedom of Information Act Process' issued publicly on September 18, 2015, any and all records reviewed in the course of generating this report, including but not limited to Freedom of Information Act requests, responses and internal and external materials related to these requests and responses by the Department of Energy, its contractors and/or any other government entity; internal and external communications such as emails, memos, notes, video, recordings, photographs; and memos, notes, or correspondence internal and external pertaining to draft versions of this report."

### **First Response**

In an effort to both accommodate the ongoing gathering and review of the responsive records, and provide those records expediently, BPA released certain DOE responsive records to you on October 18, 2016.

### **Final Response**

BPA has conducted a search for agency records responsive to your request in the office of Internal Audit – Power & Related Processes. BPA's Supervisory Auditor personnel reported that no records responsive to your request were located. BPA can report that the OIG audit was conducted for DOE and was not a BPA audit. BPA can further report that the agency was not involved in the DOE-wide audit and has no records regarding the OIG audit.

**Records Release and Certification**

BPA has no further responsive records to provide other than those records released to you on October 18, 2016. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the previous records release and the determinations described above. Your FOIA request BPA-2016-01312-F is now closed with all available agency records provided. However, this communication will be copied to DOE OIG with the understanding that DOE may have outstanding records to provide to you. DOE will contact you if that is the case.

**FOIA Fees**

There are no fees applicable to your FOIA request.

**FOIA 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](mailto: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 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](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone: 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

CC:

Ms. Patricia Hance  
OIG Government Information Specialist  
IG-1, Room 5A-240  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Re: FOIA Request No. HQ-2016-00036-F from P. Malone, Center for Public Integrity