



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

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In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2017-00156-F

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Dear Mr. Williams:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has received your request for agency records made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. § 552). Your records request was received in this office on November 3, 2016 and has been assigned a Department of Energy (DOE) tracking number of BPA-2017-00156-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your request.

Request

“...any easements, leases, or other agreements associated with ... an electrical tower identified as KTS BNGR Line 1, Mile 14, Tower 6 (WA 0193) and the cell tower identified as USID #61567 (AT&T – Site: Bangor). This tower rests on tax parcel #282601-3-027-2006 in Kitsap County, Washington...[and]...services Bangor Trident Base in Kitsap County, Washington...; specifically [requested is] a ‘master lease’ signed in or about 1996; a lease signed by BPA in or about 1997; a renewal signed in or about 2002; and any other documents associated with the tower.”

Acknowledgement

We have reviewed your request and determined that it fulfills all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and the DOE FOIA regulations at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004.

FOIA Fee

You have agreed to pay up to \$ 100.00 in FOIA fees.

Complex Requests

The FOIA requires that BPA act on requests “promptly” and that the agency 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 and 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 and 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 December 9, 2016.

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. Please also note that Ms. Munro is no longer with BPA.

Sincerely,



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