



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

December 19, 2016

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2017-00273-F

Ray Stout
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Dear Mr. Stout:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has received your request for agency records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your records request was received by BPA on December 13, 2016 and has been assigned a Department of Energy (DOE) tracking number of BPA-2017-00273-F. Please use this tracking number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your FOIA request.

Request

"...any letters ... Raymond R. and Ruth Anna Stout of Sheridan, Oregon...sent to BPA in regard to letters from BPA to Raymond R. and Ruth Anna Stout of Sheridan, Oregon, dated between 9-25-1943 and 27-1969 inclusive; ... identified with "In reply refer to: ELT" and "Tract Nos.: SGR 79-XW; SGR 79-AXW."

Acknowledgement

BPA has 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 \$ 20.00 in fees for your FOIA request.

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. BPA has determined that a response to your request will likely require a search encompassing a large number of agency personnel and a review of the responsive records for statutory exemptions and has therefore designated your request as complex.

Unusual/Exceptional Circumstances

The FOIA provides that an agency may extend the response time if “unusual circumstances” exist (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)). Unusual circumstances include a need to search records located in field facilities, requests for a voluminous amount of records, and requests that require consultation with other agency components. BPA has determined that a response to your request may require consultation with other agency components and has therefore determined that your request involves unusual circumstances.

Target Date for Completion

In light of the above conditions and determinations, BPA currently estimates completion of a response to your FOIA request by January 27, 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