



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

January 13, 2017

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2017-00178-F

Sandi Patten

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Dear Ms. Patten,

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 November 15, 2016, and has been assigned tracking number BPA-2016-00178-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your request.

You Requested:

“The list of names that were returned to BPA for consideration for job announcement DOE-BPA-16-11747-MP, if possible, a designation of veteran to non-veteran.”

Response:

We conducted a search of the paper and electronic records of the Human Capital Management office. We have located 3 pages of material responsive to your request, and are releasing those 3 pages with redactions under Exemption 6.

The Freedom of Information Act generally requires the release of all government records upon request. However, FOIA permits withholding certain, limited information that falls under one or more of nine statutory exemptions (5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(1-9)).

Exemption 6

Exemption 6 protects information in “personnel and medical files and similar files” when the disclosure of such information “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy” (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)). Exemption 6 requires balancing the public interest in the information against the individual privacy interest at issue. Here, we assert this exemption to redact the following items: applicant names and veteran’s preferences. Many well-qualified candidates are not chosen, and they have a privacy interest in the fact of their application. Information that falls under Exemption 6 cannot be discretionarily released; the right of privacy belongs to the individual, not to the agency. Therefore, we did not analyze this information under the discretionary release guidelines in Attorney General Holder’s March 19, 2009, FOIA Memorandum.

The FOIA requires that “any reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be provided to any person requesting such record after deletion of the portions which are exempt,” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). As a result, a redacted version of the document is being released to you in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(3). Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the determination to withhold the information described above under Exemption 6.

You may contact BPA's FOIA Public Liaison, Sarah A. Westenberg, at 503-230-4753, or by mail 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, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Toll free: 1-877-684-6448
Facsimile: 202-741-5769

Fees:

You agreed to pay fees up to \$25.00. Fees totaling \$25.00 are associated with this request and you will be billed separately for this amount.

Appeal:

Pursuant to Department of Energy FOIA regulations at 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, you may administratively appeal this response in writing within 90 calendar days. If you choose to appeal, please include the following:

- (1) The nature of your appeal - denial of records, partial denial of records, adequacy of search, or denial of fee waiver;
- (2) Any legal authorities relied upon to support the appeal; and
- (3) A copy of the determination letter.

Clearly mark both your letter and envelope with the words “FOIA Appeal,” and direct it to the following address:

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1
L’Enfant Plaza
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington DC 20585-1615

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, or via email at etknudson@bpa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. M. Frost', written over a horizontal line.

C. M. Frost
Freedom of Information Act Officer

Enclosure: Responsive Documents from FOIA request

Applicant Listing Report

Organization : Bonneville Power Administration

Department : Bonneville Power Administration

Announcement Number : DOE-BPA-16-11747-MP

Staging Area: SA-BPA-0001

Ranking : Last Name

Series : 3414

Pay Plan : BB

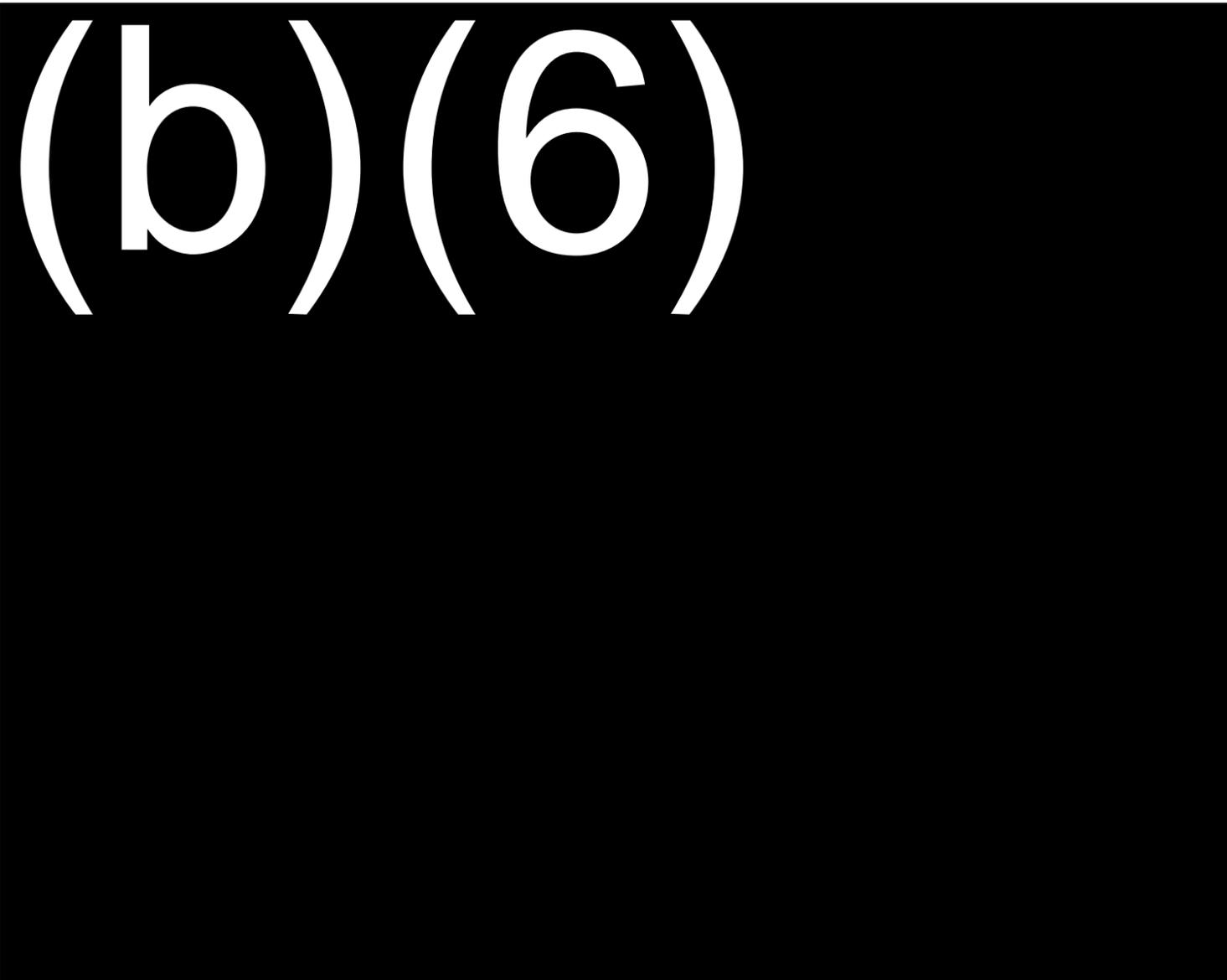
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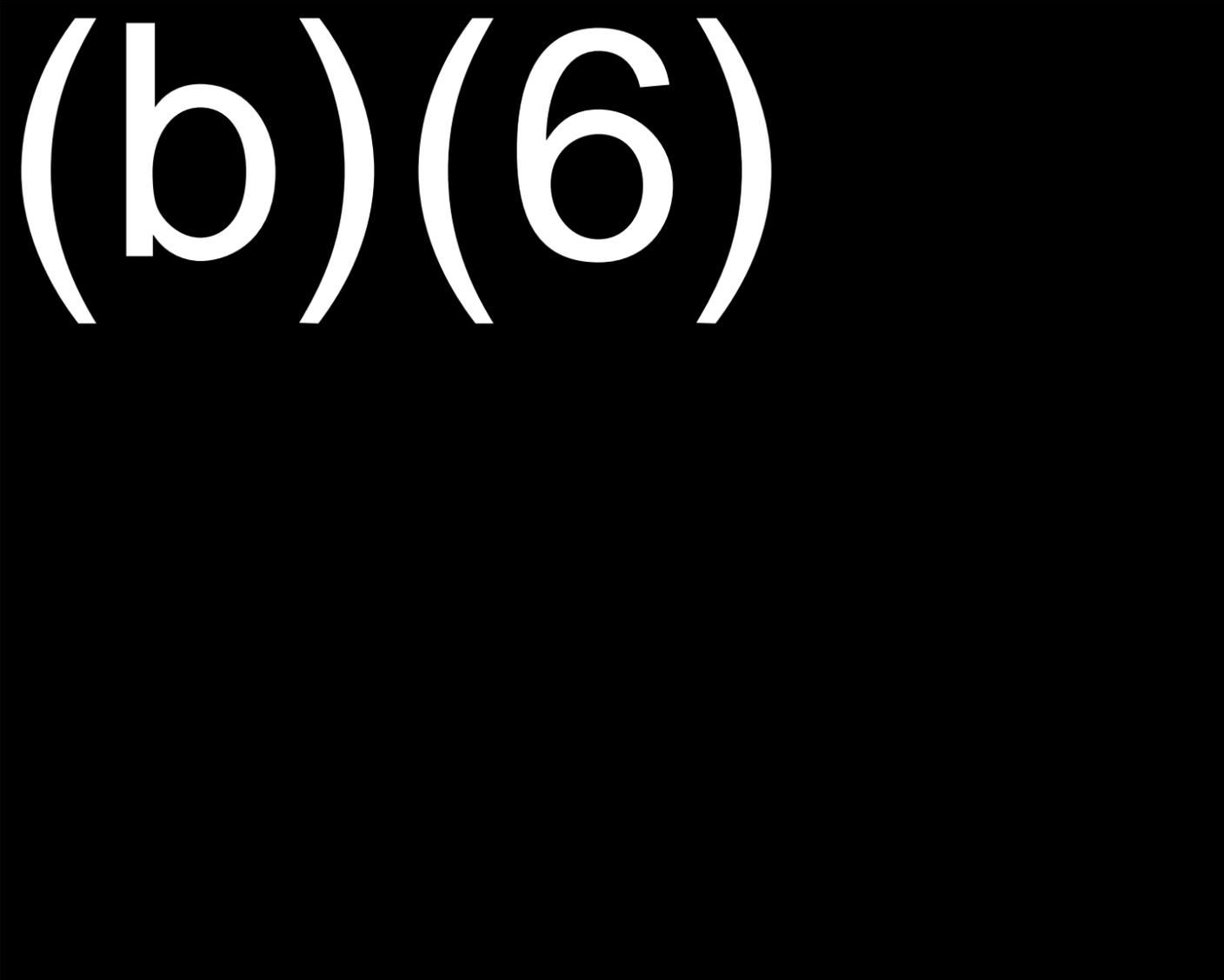
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