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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

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In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2017-01159-F

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Dear Ms. Eddy:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has received your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your request was received by BPA on May 24, 2017 and was assigned Department of Energy (DOE) tracking number BPA-2017-01159-F. Please use this tracking number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your request for information.

Request

As re the FY2018 proposed Federal budget and the concomitantly proposed sale of BPA assets, you asked two questions:

1. What is [the] book value of transmission lines assets of BPA? And,
2. Does BPA have any estimate of market value of transmission lines assets of BPA?"

Acknowledgement

BPA reviewed your requests and determined that they did not fulfill all of the criteria for proper requests under the FOIA and the DOE FOIA regulations at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004. Your request seeks information rather than specific agency records—the FOIA focuses primarily on providing only existing agency records to the public.

Response

On June 1, 2017, as the agency's first response to your two inquiries, and with specific regard to the book value of BPA transmission assets, BPA provided you with the following internet link to BPA's publicly available 2016 Annual Report and page 61 therein:

<https://www.bpa.gov/Finance/FinancialInformation/AnnualReports/Documents/AR2016.pdf>

Referencing page 61, the book value for transmission lines assets would be the sum of the following: completed plant, less accumulated depreciation, plus construction work in progress. This is, of course, the entire BPA transmission system as opposed to just “transmission lines assets”.

On June 6, 2017, as the agency’s second response to your two inquiries, and specifically with regard to the market value of BPA’s transmission lines assets, BPA provided you with the following information: BPA’s Asset Accounting and Reporting group conveyed that it does not have information on the market value of BPA’s transmission lines assets. BPA’s Transacting & Credit Risk Management office also reported that it does not have information on the market value of BPA’s transmission lines assets. BPA is a nonprofit, government entity operated for the benefit of the public. Financial information on asset market value has not been germane to the agency’s operation and mission and thus has not been generated.

Clarification Sought

The FOIA requires BPA to provide you with any existing agency records containing the information sought. BPA has no existing agency records to provide in response to your inquiry for the market value of BPA’s transmission lines assets. On June 6, 2017, BPA sought your request for a specific agency record that you believe would satisfy your market value inquiry. Absent your request for an identified existing agency record, BPA is herein closing your information requests.

Certification

Your request, BPA-01159-F, is now closed with no available agency records to provide, other than BPA’s publicly available 2016 Annual Report and the additional information included in this letter. You may, of course, submit any new request for agency records at any time. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the determinations described above.

Fee

There are no FOIA fees applicable to your requests for BPA information.

Questions about this communication may be directed to James King, CorSource Technology Group, Inc., assigned to the BPA FOIA office, at jjking@bpa.gov or 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,



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Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer