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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

January 4, 2018

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2018-00310-F

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Dear Mr. Albright:

This communication is the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) response to your request for agency records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your records request was received on November 30, 2017 and acknowledged on December 11, 2017.

Request

"...the agenda and minutes for any HOT meetings held after April 2017. Do not include any attachments or inserts."

Response

In accord with the FOIA requirements, BPA has conducted electronic searches of records in the following agency offices:

BPA Generating Assets
Federal Hydro Projects Operations

Agency records responsive to your request were identified. In accord with the FOIA, BPA is herein releasing 2 pages of responsive agency records with no redactions applied. Further, BPA's Federal Hydro Projects Operations personnel confirmed that a Hydro-Optimization Team Meeting was held on October 26, 2017, the agenda for which constitutes the responsive records. The Generating Assets office reports that other germane records (such as meeting minutes) of which you might seek may be developed and available in early 2018. The agency recommends that you resubmit the above records request at a later date.

Certification

Your FOIA request BPA-2018-00310-F is closed with all available agency records provided. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the records release and determinations described above.

Fee

There are no FOIA fees applicable to the fulfillment of your request for BPA records.

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, 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
Phone: 202-741-5770; Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448; Fax: 202-741-5769

Questions about this communication may be directed to James King, CorSource Technology Group, LLC, assigned to the BPA FOIA office, at jjking@bpa.gov and 503.230.7621.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosed: responsive records



Hydro-Optimization Team Meeting

October 26, 2017
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm
(PST)

@ BPA Headquarters
Rm. 194

Webex Meeting

TDB – request submitted to BPA telephone office

Co-chairs: Andrew Long (USACE-HDC); George Brown (BPA); Bent Mouritsen (USBR)

Agenda

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- Introductions (5 min) All
- Review actions (15 min) George Brown
- Stand-Alone T2 (Hydros) Demonstration (40 min + 10 min questions) Toby Steves
- Status of Ongoing Projects:
 - GBO Status Dan Patla
 - FY17 Progress (5 min)
 - FY18 Plan (5 – 10 min)
 - Lessons learned to share with HOT?
 - Stand Alone T2 Software (10 min) Toby Steves
 - Lessons learned to share with HOT?
 - Estimates of the plant efficiency improvements resulting from T2.
 - Review Toby Steves' estimates and methods
- Hopper Discussion (30 min) George Brown, Andy Long, Bent Mouritsen
 - Review draft hopper
 - USBR interest and ideas related to the hopper
 - Discuss feedback from Scott Thoren, Matt Dau, and Jeff Sedgwick
- Break (10 min)

- Funding Discussion (30 min) George Brown and All
 - HOT meetings, status of funding for FY18
 - Funding for other initiatives
 - Budget line item proposed for Corps
 - USBR funding discussion
 - Need to value optimization projects, past and present. Can we use the coordination account funding for this?
 - Gross head sensing
 - T1
 - T2
 - 3D cam surveys

- Discussion of new ideas/initiatives – potential topics: (up to 1 hrs) All
 - Review new ideas/initiatives discussed during previous meetings. Review last meeting notes.
 - Transformer no-load losses and load losses.
 - Relays
 - Automatic or real time optimization status tools. Are the optimization sub-systems functioning correctly (i.e. governors, 3-D cams, Kaplan blade position, head sensors, etc).
 - Discuss any other new ideas/initiatives not yet mentioned

- Wrap Up (10 min) George Brown, Andrew Long, Bent Mouritsen
 - Review actions items today
 - Set next meeting date
 - Add new topics for next meeting

***** NEXT MEETING TBD*****

Hydro Optimization Team Consensus Decision Levels

1. I can say an unqualified “yes” to the proposed decision. I am satisfied that the decision is an expression of the wisdom of the group.
2. I find the proposed decision perfectly acceptable.
3. I can live with the proposed decision, although I am not especially enthusiastic about it.
4. I do not fully agree with the proposed decision and need to register my view about it. However, I do not choose to block the decision. I am willing to trust the wisdom of the group.
5. I do not agree with the decision and feel the need to stand in the way of acceptance.
6. I feel we have no clear sense of unity in the Team. We need to do more work before consensus can be reached.