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Bonneville Power Administration
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

May 3, 2019

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2019-00595-F

Hal Bernton
The Seattle Times
4041 SW 53rd Place
Portland, OR 97221
Email: hbernton@gmail.com

Mr. Bernton:

This communication is the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) final response to your request for agency records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your request was received on March 13, 2019, with a formal acknowledgement letter sent to you on March 22, 2019.

Request

“Any memorandums, or emails written by Kieran Connolly, BPA vice president of generation asset management, between June 1, 2018 and March 10, 2019 that contain the words ‘power costs,’ ‘competition,’ and ‘solar’ or ‘wind’ or ‘natural gas.’”

Response

BPA conducted a search of the electronic record files in the Generation Asset Management office. Responsive records comprised of 12 pages were located. BPA is herein releasing those 12 pages, with minor redactions applied under Exemption 6. An explanation of the statutory exemptions relied upon for those redactions follows.

The FOIA generally requires the release of all government records upon request. However, the 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

The privacy exemption, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(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”, if there is no public interest that outweighs the privacy interest. Here, BPA invokes Exemption 6 to protect personal cell phone numbers. BPA can find no public interest in releasing this information as it does not shed light on the mission or working of the agency.

Fees

There are no fees associated with the fulfillment of your request.

Certification

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the records release and exemption determinations described above. Your FOIA request BPA-2019-00595-F is now closed with all available agency records provided.

Appeal

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 by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. (The Office of Hearings and Appeals prefers to receive appeals by email.) The appeal must contain all 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, Jason Taylor, at the address at the 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 at ogis@nara.gov
Telephone at 202-741-5770
Toll free at 1-877-684-6448
Facsimile at 202-741-5769

Questions about this communication may be directed to Thanh Knudson, Flux Resources, LLC, assigned to the BPA FOIA Office, at etknudson@bpa.gov or 503-230-5221.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Candice D. Palen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Candice D. Palen
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer

Responsive records accompany this communication in electronic format.

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I thought Chris Siewert was going – I had been asked to speak on a panel, but he was a better fit for the topics they wanted to discuss.

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