Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Re: FOIA-2009-000217

Dear Mr. Grimes:

This is in final response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You asked for correspondence between DOE and Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, specifically EXEC-2006-006606, EXEC-2006-013585 and EXEC-2006-013587.

A search was conducted of the Electronic Document Online Correspondence and Concurrence System of the Office of the Executive Secretariat. This system tracks all correspondence to and from the Offices of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Under Secretaries of Energy. The Office of the Executive Secretariat located three documents responsive to your request. The responsive documents are included in their entirety and described in the accompanying index.

You may challenge the adequacy of this search for responsive documents by submitting a written appeal to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1/L'Enfant Plaza Building, U. S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615. You should submit the appeal within 30 calendar days of receipt of this determination.

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a Freedom of Information Act appeal is being made. The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C. F. R. § 1004.8 to the extent applicable. Judicial review will thereafter be available to you (1) in the District of Columbia, (2) in the district where you reside, (3) in the district where you have your principal place of business, or (4) in the district where the DOE records are located.

If you have further questions, please contact Cindy Luckett on (202)-586-0317. I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Matthews

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ES Control Number 2006-006606

1. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, dated July 7, 2006, Subject: Governor Haley Barbour offering two sites in the State of Mississippi for expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve - 2 pages, *Release in its entirety*

    1a. DOE response letter to Governor Barbour from Secretary Samuel Bodman, dated September 11, 2006 - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

ES Control Number 2006-013585 (Same Incoming as 013587)

2. Memorandum to Deputy Secretary Clay Sell from Governor Haley Barbour, State of Mississippi, dated October 5, 2006, Subject: Governor Barbour forwards a follow-up to the September 19 meeting regarding Expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve – 2 pages, *Release in its entirety*

    2a. Enclosure: Letter to Secretary Bodman from Governor Haley Barbour, State of Mississippi, dated October 5, 2006 - 3 pages, *Release in its entirety*

    2b. Enclosure: Department of Energy Preliminary Cost Estimate and Comparison Chacahoula Expansion versus Bruinsburg SPR Expansion project prepared by Pegasus International, Inc., dated September 21, 2006 – 162 pages, *Release in its entirety*

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3. Letter to Secretary Bodman from Governor Haley Barbour, State of Mississippi, dated October 5, 2006 - 3 pages, *Release in its entirety (same image as enclosure 2a in number 2)*

    3a. DOE response letter to Governor Haley Barbour from Secretary Samuel Bodman, dated November 7, 2006 - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*