



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: DK-7

Richard van Dijk

Ex 6

### **FOIA #BPA-2012-00235-F**

Dear Mr. van Dijk:

This is your final response to your request for records that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552.

#### **You have requested the following:**

Copies of all internal and external emails and letters sent and received by Sonya Baskerville that reference the I-5 Project from July 1, 2011, through November 7, 2011.

#### **Response:**

BPA is providing all responsive documents in their entirety or with some information withheld under Exemption 5 and 6. The exemptions are explained below.

Exemption 5 protects from mandatory disclosure "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters that would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency . . ." Exemption 5 incorporates the deliberative process privilege which protects advice, recommendations, and opinions that are part of the process by which agency decisions and policies are formulated.

Under Exemption 6 of FOIA, BPA asserts this exemption for information which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if disclosed. The withheld information consists of the personal contact information (email addresses) of private individuals. Release of this information could subject these individuals to unwanted intrusions of privacy. There is no public interest in the disclosure of this information because it does not shed any light on how BPA has performed its statutory duties.

**Due to the size of the responsive documents they cannot be posted. To obtain a copy contact the BPA FOIA Office at 503-230-7305.**

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.8, if you are dissatisfied with this determination, or the adequacy of the search, you may appeal in writing within 30 calendar days of receipt of a final response letter. The appeal should be made to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA Appeal is being made.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Laura Atterbury, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist at (503) 230-7305 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

*/s/Christina J. Munro*

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Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer

Enclosure: Responsive Documents