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In reply refer to: DK-7

Mr. Richard van Dijk Another Way BPA Ex 6

RE: FOIA #BPA-2012-00294-F

Dear Mr. van Dijk:

This is a final response to your request for information that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 USC § 552.

You requested the following:

A copy of all the "unprecedented volume of public comments" received after October 2010 to date of this request regarding the DEIS process for the I-5 Reinforcement Project.

Response:

BPA has provided the enclosed CD with the information you have requested, in its entirety, or with some information withheld pursuant to 5 USC (b)(6) Exemption 6 of the FOIA. This CD also has a version of the report as a Microsoft Word document, which does not have the attachments inserted. The attachments can be found as PDFs in the folder named "Attachments."

Exemption 6

Exemption 6 protects the disclosure of personnel, medical, and similar files when disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. To determine whether information should be withheld under Exemption 6, an agency must: (1) identify whether a privacy interest exists in the information; (2) identify whether release would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations and activities of the government; and (3) weigh the identified privacy interests in the information against the public interest in disclosure.

In this response the information withheld under Exemption 6 of the FOIA includes personal health information, family photos and family medical information. Because there is a significant privacy interest in the information being withheld, and no public interest that would be served by disclosure, BPA finds that disclosure would cause an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you may appeal within 30 days from the date you received this letter to The Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, 1000

Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585. The appeal must be in writing and both the envelope and the letter must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. If you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please contact Laura M. Atterbury, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist, at 503-230-7305.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Munro Christina J. Munro Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer

Enclosure: CD with responsive documents