



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

July 12, 2012

In reply refer to: DK-7

Kristin Ruether
Advocates for the West
PO Box 1612
Boise, ID 83701

FOIA BPA-2012-01592-F

Dear Ms. Ruether:

Thank you for the request for records that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. Your request was received in this office on Thursday, July 5, 2012, and has been assigned a control number, BPA-2012-01592-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

You have requested the following:

1. All draft and final versions of any purchase power agreement, interconnect agreement, and/or transmission agreement for the Project.
2. All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, memoranda, letters, and phone records) discussing the Project between the BPA and any the following entities: the Bureau of Land Management, CEP, Harney Electric Cooperative, Harney County, and ENTRIX since June 1, 2010.
3. Meeting minutes discussing the Project since June 1, 2010.
4. All other documents discussing the Project since June 1, 2010.

In a phone conversation on July 11, you refined your request number 1 to "All final versions of any purchase power agreement, interconnect agreement, and/or transmission agreement for the Project."

We have reviewed your request, and although very broad, it addresses all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA, DOE, and BPA regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004.

Your request for a fee waiver is approved.

BPA has twenty (20) working days to respond to your request. The due date for a response to you is Thursday, August 2, 2012. However, due to the fact that your request will include documents of a commercial nature BPA will be required to perform an Exemption 4 review and that process, as we discussed on the phone, can be a lengthy one. BPA will provide you with partial releases as the reviews are completed.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Kim Winn, Communications Specialist, at 503-230-5273 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Munro

Christina J. Munro

Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

August 3, 2012

In reply refer to: DK-7

Kristin Ruether
Advocates for the West
PO Box 1612
Boise, ID 83701

FOIA BPA-2012-01592-F

Dear Ms. Ruether:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is taking an allowed ten working-day extension starting Thursday, August 2, 2012, in order to complete your FOIA request.

You requested:

1. All draft and final versions of any purchase power agreement, interconnect agreement, and/or transmission agreement for the Project.
2. All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, memoranda, letters, and phone records) discussing the Project between the BPA and any the following entities: the Bureau of Land Management, CEP, Harney Electric Cooperative, Harney County, and ENTRIX since June 1, 2010.
3. Meeting minutes discussing the Project since June 1, 2010.
4. All other documents discussing the Project since June 1, 2010. GeoEngineers, Inc., for the period

The new target date for your response is Thursday, August 16, 2012.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact our office at 503-230-7305 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro

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



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

September 26, 2014

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA-2012-01592-F

Mac Lacy
Advocates for the West
PO Box 1612
Boise, ID 83701

Dear Mr. Lacy:

This letter is in reference to Kristin Ruether's Freedom of Information Act request received in our office on July 5, 2012, which we acknowledged on July 12, 2012.

Originally requested:

1. All draft and final versions of any purchase power agreement, interconnect agreement, and/or transmission agreement for the Project.
2. All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, memoranda, letters, and phone records) discussing the Project between the BPA and any the following entities: the Bureau of Land Management, CEP, Harney Electric Cooperative, Harney County, and ENTRIX since June 1, 2010.
3. Meeting minutes discussing the Project since June 1, 2010.
4. All other documents discussing the Project since June 1, 2010.

FOIA requires that we act on requests "promptly" and that we make a determination on your request and respond within 20 working days (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)). The Bonneville Power Administration has instituted multi-track processing, as permitted by FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(D)(i)). Simple requests and complex requests are placed in two different queues, and each queue is processed on its own first-in, first-out basis. Requests are placed in the complex queue if they will require significant agency time or resources to process.

Unusual/exceptional circumstances:

Under FOIA, an agency may extend the normal 20-day deadline by an additional ten business days if "unusual circumstances" exist (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)). Unusual circumstances include the need to search records located in field facilities, requests for a voluminous amount of records, and requests that require consultation with other agencies or agency components including Department of Energy headquarters. If an agency cannot fulfill the request within the 30 working days provided by the extended deadline, agencies must (a) notify the requester and

(b) work with the requester to modify or limit the scope of the request or arrange an alternative time frame for processing (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(ii)).

After a number of phone conversations regarding the voluminous records found in response to the original request, BPA provided Ms. Reuther with an index of the responsive documents. Ms. Reuther then revised the request and limited it to the following areas:

- Echanis Wind Integration NEPA strategy
- Echanis Wind schedule risks
- BPA response to Columbia Energy Partners (CEP) Interconnection Schedule
- CEP Interconnection emails, letters, BPA response
- CEP NEPA agreement
- Environmental study for CEP by BPA
- Affected system of operating agreement
- Cure letter for CEP NEPA
- Final interconnection facilities study for CEP
- Glass Butte documents

Even with this revision the complex request meets the criteria of “unusual circumstance” in that it had voluminous responsive records and required consultation with Columbia Energy Partners for review under Exemption 4 of the FOIA.

We currently estimate the completion of your request by December 8, 2014.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Kim Winn, FOIA Public Liaison, at 503-230-5273 or via email at kswinn@bpa.gov.

Sincerely,



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



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

December 5, 2014

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA-2012-01592-F

Mac Lacy
Advocates for the West
PO Box 1612
Boise, ID 83701

Dear Mr. Lacy:

This letter is in reference to Kristin Ruether's Freedom of Information Act request received in our office on July 5, 2012, which we acknowledged on July 12, 2012.

Originally requested:

1. All draft and final versions of any purchase power agreement, interconnect agreement, and/or transmission agreement for the Project.
2. All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, memoranda, letters, and phone records) discussing the Project between the BPA and any the following entities: the Bureau of Land Management, CEP, Harney Electric Cooperative, Harney County, and ENTRIX since June 1, 2010.
3. Meeting minutes discussing the Project since June 1, 2010.
4. All other documents discussing the Project since June 1, 2010.

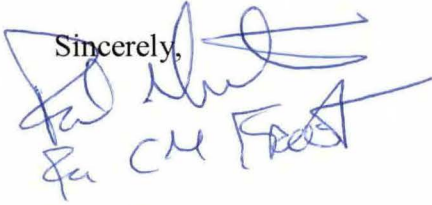
After a number of phone conversations regarding the voluminous records found in response to the original request, BPA provided Ms. Reuther with an index of the responsive documents. Ms. Reuther then revised the request and limited it to the following areas:

- Echanis Wind Integration NEPA strategy
- Echanis Wind schedule risks
- BPA response to Columbia Energy Partners (CEP) Interconnection Schedule
- CEP Interconnection emails, letters, BPA response
- CEP NEPA agreement
- Environmental study for CEP by BPA
- Affected system of operating agreement
- Cure letter for CEP NEPA
- Final interconnection facilities study for CEP
- Glass Butte documents

We had previously notified you that we expected to complete your request by December 8, 2014. We will be unable to complete your request by that deadline. Our new target date for response to you is March 31, 2015. We will keep you updated on our progress.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Kim Winn, FOIA Public Liaison, at 503-230-5273 or via email at kswinn@bpa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. M. Frost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

March 31, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA-2012-01592-F

Mac Lacy
Advocates for the West
PO Box 1612
Boise, ID 83701

Dear Mr. Lacy:

This communication is in reference to Kristin Ruether's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received at the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) on July 5, 2012, which we acknowledged on July 12, 2012.

Request:

1. All draft and final versions of any purchase power agreement, interconnect agreement, and/or transmission agreement for the Project. And,
2. All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, memoranda, letters, and phone records) discussing the Project between the BPA and any the following entities: the Bureau of Land Management, CEP, Harney Electric Cooperative, Harney County, and ENTRIX since June 1, 2010. And,
3. Meeting minutes discussing the Project since June 1, 2010. And,
4. All other documents discussing the Project since June 1, 2010.

Amended Request:

After a number of phone conversations and email exchanges regarding the quantity of responsive records gathered in response to the original request, BPA provided Ms. Reuther with an index of the responsive documents. Ms. Reuther then revised the request and limited it to the following areas:

- Echanis Wind Integration NEPA strategy
- Echanis Wind schedule risks
- BPA response to Columbia Energy Partners (CEP) Interconnection Schedule
- CEP Interconnection emails, letters, BPA response
- CEP NEPA agreement
- Environmental study for CEP by BPA
- Affected system of operating agreement
- Cure letter for CEP NEPA

- Final interconnection facilities study for CEP
- Glass Butte documents

Target Date:

We previously communicated to you that we expected to complete your request by March 31, 2015. We will be unable to complete your request by that date. Our new target date for a response to you is May 15, 2015. We will keep you updated on our progress.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this communication, please contact James King (CorSource Technology Group, Inc.), assigned to the BPA FOIA office, at 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,



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



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

May 6, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA-2012-01592-F

Mac Lacy
Advocates for the West
PO Box 1612
Boise, ID 83701

Dear Mr. Lacy:

This communication is in reference to Kristin Ruether's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received at the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) on July 5, 2012, which we acknowledged on July 12, 2012.

Request:

1. All draft and final versions of any purchase power agreement, interconnect agreement, and/or transmission agreement for the Project. And,
2. All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, memoranda, letters, and phone records) discussing the Project between the BPA and any the following entities: the Bureau of Land Management, CEP, Harney Electric Cooperative, Harney County, and ENTRIX since June 1, 2010. And,
3. Meeting minutes discussing the Project since June 1, 2010. And,
4. All other documents discussing the Project since June 1, 2010.

Amended Request:

After a number of phone conversations and email exchanges regarding the quantity of responsive records gathered in response to the original request, BPA provided Ms. Reuther with an index of the responsive documents. Ms. Reuther then revised the request and limited it to the following areas:

- Echanis Wind Integration NEPA strategy
- Echanis Wind schedule risks
- BPA response to Columbia Energy Partners (CEP) Interconnection Schedule
- CEP Interconnection emails, letters, BPA response
- CEP NEPA agreement
- Environmental study for CEP by BPA
- Affected system of operating agreement

- Cure letter for CEP NEPA
- Final interconnection facilities study for CEP
- Glass Butte documents

Target Date:

We previously communicated to you that we expected to complete your request by May 15, 2015. Due to the volume of responsive material requiring review by counsel prior to release, BPA will be unable to complete your request by that date. Our new target date for a response to you is November 13, 2015. We will keep you updated on our progress.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this communication, please contact James King (CorSource Technology Group, Inc.), assigned to the BPA FOIA office, at 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,



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



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

November 17, 2015

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA-2012-01592-F

Laird Lucas
Executive Director
Advocates for the West
3115 NE Sandy Blvd. #223
Portland, OR 97232
llucas@advocateswest.org

Dear Mr. Lucas:

This communication is in reference to Kristin Ruether's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received at the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) on July 5, 2012, which we acknowledged on July 12, 2012.

Request:

1. All draft and final versions of any purchase power agreement, interconnect agreement, and/or transmission agreement for the Project. And,
2. All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, memoranda, letters, and phone records) discussing the Project between the BPA and any the following entities: the Bureau of Land Management, CEP, Harney Electric Cooperative, Harney County, and ENTRIX since June 1, 2010. And,
3. Meeting minutes discussing the Project since June 1, 2010. And,
4. All other documents discussing the Project since June 1, 2010.

Amended Request:

After a number of phone conversations and email exchanges regarding the quantity of responsive records gathered in response to the original request, BPA provided Ms. Reuther with an index of the responsive documents. Ms. Reuther then revised the request and limited it to the following areas:

- Echanis Wind Integration NEPA strategy
- Echanis Wind schedule risks
- BPA response to Columbia Energy Partners (CEP) Interconnection Schedule
- CEP Interconnection emails, letters, BPA response

- CEP NEPA agreement
- Environmental study for CEP by BPA
- Affected system of operating agreement
- Cure letter for CEP NEPA
- Final interconnection facilities study for CEP
- Glass Butte documents

Updated Target Date:

A search of the electronic records in BPA's Transmission Sales and other related departments has been conducted and records responsive to your request have been gathered. BPA's response effort for your FOIA request remains ongoing. The records responsive to your request are currently under review by BPA FOIA counsel for the application of potentially relevant exemptions under the FOIA. Because of the level of complexity of the FOIA review effort and the volume of responsive records, we are extending the target date for completion of your request to February 1, 2016.

If you have any questions about this communication, please contact James King (CorSource Technology Group, Inc.), assigned to the BPA FOIA office, at 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,



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