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July 11, 2012

Ms. Christina Munro  
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Bonneville Power Administration  
P.O. Box 3621  
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SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Munro:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I request a copy of the following documents:

All communications between BPA and Congress concerning the memorandum dated March 16, 2012, from Energy Secretary Chu to the administrators of the power marketing agencies.


The first page of the memo is attached for your convenience.

“Communications” means all written and electronic communications, including e-mails and their attachments, regardless of who prepared the attachments. “BPA” includes Administrator Wright and the BPA staff in Washington, D.C. The term “Congress” includes the members and their staffs.

I am willing to pay \$50 in search and copy charges. Please let me know if the expected charges will exceed this amount.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Seligman  
Attorney at Law

RECEIVED BY BPA FOIA OFFICE THIS DATE: 7/13/12
DUE DATE: 8/10/12
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## The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

March 16, 2012

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATORS

KENNETH LEGG, SEPA  
JAMES MCDONALD, SWPA (ACTING)  
TIMOTHY MEEKS, WAPA  
STEPHEN WRIGHT, BPA

FROM:

STEVEN CHU

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SUBJECT:

Power Marketing Administrations' Role

### BACKGROUND:

Our Nation has unprecedented opportunities to build a more secure and sustainable electric sector, one that:

- stimulates job creation along with local and regional economic development;
- accelerates introduction of new technologies ranging from cyber-security to alternative energy generation;
- takes greater advantage of our indigenous and inexhaustible resources;
- improves public health;
- reduces strategic vulnerabilities, price and supply risk, and environmental liabilities;
- and
- advances our competitiveness in international markets.

Taking greater advantage of energy efficiency, demand resources and clean energy – while at the same time reducing costs to consumers – requires a transition to a more flexible and resilient electric grid and much greater coordination among system operators. This can only be accomplished by upgrading our infrastructure to take advantage of modern communications and control technologies and bringing the benefits of increased connectivity to more Americans. As the Department of Energy's (DOE) own Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs) have historically played a valuable role in the electric sector, they can and should help lead this evolution.

As owners and operators of a significant portion of the infrastructure that is vital to this Nation's prosperity, the PMAs have the tools to take a leadership role in transforming our Nation's electric sector, to the extent allowable under their enabling statutes. In the weeks and months to come, I will be calling on the hard-working and dedicated employees of the PMAs. While the PMAs have been doing an admirable job in implementing the DOE's goals and are leaders in some areas, we can all do better. To that end, I will identify specific