

**FOIA**

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The following is a New FOIA request:  
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**Description of Request:** I seek all records associated with "RTO West" and "Grid West." I am only interested in records from the offices of: (1) general counsel; (2) corporate strategy; (3) executive; and (4) transmission services. I am looking for all records between the years 1999 and 2005. For the RTO West records, the associated FERC docket number is RT01-35 (this docket number may, or may not be helpful, and I do not mean to limit my request to this docket number).

**Preferred format:** Electronic (flash drive, dvd-rom, etc).

**Type of Requester:** Scholarly

I request a **fee Waiver**

**I request a waiver or reduction of fees because my request concerns "the operations or activities of the government" as explained below:**

*My request concerns the operations and activities of the government because I am writing an article concerning how and why BPA reacted to FERC order 2000 and the efforts to create RTO West and Grid West.*

**I request a waiver or reduction of fees because the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities as explained below:**

*The disclosure is likely to contribute to an understanding of government operations and activities because it will help energy stakeholders and the public at large understand the physical, economical, and political pressures facing BPA in managing its transmission portfolio.*

**I request a waiver or reduction of fees because an understanding by the general public of the subject is likely to result from disclosure, taking into account my ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter as explained below:**

*The disclosure will be used, along with other resources, to create an academic article that will provide a historical record of the RTO West and Grid West projects. The article will then be submitted to various energy related journals for publication and/or posted on the internet.*

**I request a waiver or reduction of fees because the disclosure is likely to contribute**

**"significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities as explained below:**

*The disclosure is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities because as of yet, there is no comprehensive historical record of why RTO West and Grid West was not successful. BPA is the crucial player in transmission in the Pacific Northwest, so understanding what happened during RTO West and Grid West will significantly help the public to understand how the federal government operates in relation to the various energy stakeholders in the pacific northwest.*

**I request a waiver or reduction of fees because of a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so:**

*I have no commercial interest that will be furthered by this request.*

**I request a waiver or reduction of fees because the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." as explained below:**

*My primary interest of this disclosure is for the public interest. The only result of this disclosure will be the creation of an academic article. I have no commercial interest in this disclosure.*

**If denied** a waiver or reduction, I Agree to pay up to **30**