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SUBJECT: FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Munro:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I request copies of all documents on any subject given to FERC chairman Jon Wellinghoff when he visited BPA in 2012 or when BPA staff or BPA consultants visited him in 2012.

Attached is a short article from the *BPA Journal* that refers to a meeting (“briefing”) with chairman Wellinghoff in August 2012 at BPA. The scope of this request covers this meeting and any other meeting, regardless of location, where BPA or its consultants gave documents to him.

For purposes of this request, the term “documents” includes any written materials, including studies, reports, e-mails and PowerPoint presentations.

I am willing to pay \$50 for search and copy charges. Please call me if you expect the charges to exceed that amount.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dan Seligman

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also dispatched the Spokane line crew to provide support, and both crews worked through the night.

Another fire in mid-August, the Taylor Bridge Fire near Cle Elum, Wash., burned through BPA's rights-of-way for two high-voltage transmission lines, but it did not damage equipment or cause the lines to be knocked out of service for extended periods. The structures on these lines are steel and can withstand fire much better than wood-pole structures.

BPA partners in one of nation's largest EE projects

An energy efficiency project at a paper mill in Longview, Wash., is thought to be the largest of its kind in the United States. BPA partnered with the North Pacific Paper Corp. (NORPAC), the largest newsprint and specialty paper mill in North America, and the Cowlitz County Public Utility District to fund the project.

NORPAC is the largest industrial consumer of electricity in Washington, requiring about 200 average megawatts of power. With high manufacturing costs and a declining newsprint market, mitigating the cost of electricity is key to the mill's survival. Through this project, the mill is expected to save 12 average megawatts a year, or enough energy to power 8,000 homes.

BPA, Cowlitz PUD and other public utilities in the Northwest work with industrial companies to identify energy-savings opportunities. BPA is funding about \$21 million of the \$60 million project. Cowlitz PUD will contribute up to \$3.9 million, and NORPAC is funding the remaining \$35 million.

"It's the first commercial installation of this technology in the world," says Ray Harrison, fiber line manager for NORPAC.

The project, known as the Chip Pretreatment Interstage Screen Project, adds two new components to the facility. Phase one, completed last summer, added new equipment that treats wood chips with steam and chemicals before they get refined into pulp. The second feature, interstage screening, will allow paper-ready wood fibers to bypass the second stage of refining. With less pulp in the secondary refiners, NORPAC can cut its power requirements by about 12 percent. Phase two is expected to be completed early next year.

NORPAC employs 415 full-time employees and about 30 contractors, and the construction phase of the project created 64 full-time family-wage jobs.

Brian Skeahan, Cowlitz PUD general manager, says even though this was a custom project, the message

to industry is clear. "Energy efficiency investments are good for business and the community. And there's a world of opportunity out there."

BPA accepts offers for prepayment program

The energy industry is capital intensive, and BPA's success in delivering public benefits hinges on sufficient access to capital to maintain and enhance the power and transmission systems, invest in energy efficiency, and fulfill fish and wildlife obligations.

To aid in its access to capital, BPA will offer an electricity prepayment program to generate funds for federal hydroelectric investments. Utilities that choose to participate will submit one or more offers of what they are willing to pay to receive \$50,000 "blocks" of credits on their power bill each month beginning May 2013 and running through Sept. 20, 2028.

Those bids will establish a market for the blocks of power. BPA will then use a market clearing auction process to set the clearing price for blocks for all accepted offers. All winning participants will purchase blocks of credits at that same market clearing price. BPA may accept all, some or no offers. BPA will not accept offers that are lower than BPA's "reservation price," which will not be announced until after the bids are submitted. The bids are due to BPA between noon Nov. 29 and noon Nov. 30.

BPA began considering the power prepayment program last year as part of the 2011 Strategic Capital discussions. At the conclusion of that meeting, BPA formed a regional team that was composed of representatives from municipal utilities, public utility districts, electric power cooperatives and preference customer associations to help design the program. In June, BPA conducted two webinars for customers. BPA then opened a comment period for stakeholders before deciding to implement the program.

The request for offers can be found at www.bpa.gov/corporate/finance/Power_Prepayment_Program/.

FERC chairman takes note of BPA innovation

BPA briefed Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Jon Wellinghoff in August on agency innovations that are altering utilities' understanding of how the power grid works. The technology has the potential not only to diagnose what went wrong in such events as the recent Pacific Southwest blackout, but to understand in real time what is causing a problem and then to correct it.

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Kim:

The Wellinghoff FOIA is a request for materials/documents given to him since January 1, 2012 to the present. I'm **not** interested in documents before that date.

Thanks.

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