



## Department of Energy

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

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In reply refer to: FOIA BPA 2018-01598-F

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Dear Mr. Albright,

This communication is the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) final response to your request for agency records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your records request was initially received by BPA on September 11, 2018. Your records request was formally acknowledged on October 18, 2018.

### **Request**

“...any memos and reports regarding a tally of the water-spilling schedule on the Columbia River that is being mandated by the U.S. Federal Court [to include] records of spilling as far back as it has been ordered by the Court.”

### **Information Provided & Request Clarifications**

In partial response to your request, the agency provided you, via email on September 13, 2018, some publicly available information responsive to your request. The agency's Duty Scheduling office provided you the following internet links:

Reports: <http://pweb.crohms.org/tmt/documents/ops/>

USACE parent sites: <http://www.nwd.usace.army.mil/Missions/Water/Columbia/> and  
<http://www.nwd.usace.army.mil/Missions/Water/Columbia/Water-Control-Data/>

On September 19, 2018, via reply email, you indicated that the above links “...have the information in a general form, but I was hoping for something more specific.” On September 20, 2018, via reply email, BPA responded with the following link(s) more granularly responsive to your request:

Technical Management Team Main Page: <http://pweb.crohms.org/tmt/>

That information was provided by the Technical Management Team, an inter-agency technical group responsible for making recommendations on dam and reservoir operations. Of specific interest to you may be the data and reports at the following two subsections:

Water Quality Data

TDG Gauge Detailed Reports — [http://pweb.crohms.org/ftppub/water\\_quality/tdg/](http://pweb.crohms.org/ftppub/water_quality/tdg/)

Spill Reports - % — [http://pweb.crohms.org/ftppub/water\\_quality/spill/](http://pweb.crohms.org/ftppub/water_quality/spill/)

And:

Documents & Reports

Water Management Plan — <http://pweb.crohms.org/tmt/documents/wmp/>

Fish Passage Plan (FPP) — <http://pweb.crohms.org/tmt/documents/fpp/>

On September 19, 2018, you also narrowed your request to, "...a tally of how much spilling is mandated at each dam by percentage, time periods and a correlation to dollars for the spilled water on an annual basis."

On October 22, 2018, you further also narrowed your request to, "...a 1-minute executive overview of the spill magnitude... [and/or] ...a handout that says something like, 'we've been spilling half the water half of the year at an annual cost of \$xxx this year...' with some tabular data showing these criteria going back a few years. This is the one I want."

**Response**

Records searches were conducted in the agency's Long Term Power Planning offices and Revenue Requirement, Repayment & Financial Strategy offices. Responsive records were provided to the FOIA Office. BPA is herein releasing 2 pages in full. Those agency records accompany this communication.

The two records provided by the Revenue Requirement, Repayment & Financial Strategy offices are responsive to the annual cost portion of your request. More specifically, row 28 of "FW Costs through 2017 for Council" shows the total annual cost of hydro system operations for fish and wildlife, which includes, but is not limited to, spill operations for anadromous fish. BPA does not quantify the cost of spill alone. Similarly, the "UNSLICED Annual Average Hydro Operations Effects" row of the second file shows actual and forecast costs of hydro system operations for fish and wildlife. Again, these cost figures include more operations than solely spill for anadromous fish.

Spill operations are planned and implemented on a project by project basis. Thus, spill operations are described at the project level (see Fish Passage Plan link provided, above), rather than as a system total.

**Fee**

There are no FOIA fees applicable to the fulfillment of your request for BPA records.

**Certification**

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the records release and determinations described above. Your FOIA request BPA-2018-01598-F is now closed with all available agency records provided.

**Appeal**

The adequacy of the search may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to:

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals  
HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585-1615

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to [OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov](mailto:OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov), including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. (The Office of Hearings and Appeals prefers to receive appeals by email.) The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact BPA's FOIA Public Liaison, Jason Taylor, at the address at the letter header for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001  
e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
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Questions about this communication may be directed to James King, CorSource Technology Group LLC, at [jjking@bpa.gov](mailto:jjking@bpa.gov) and 503.230.7621.

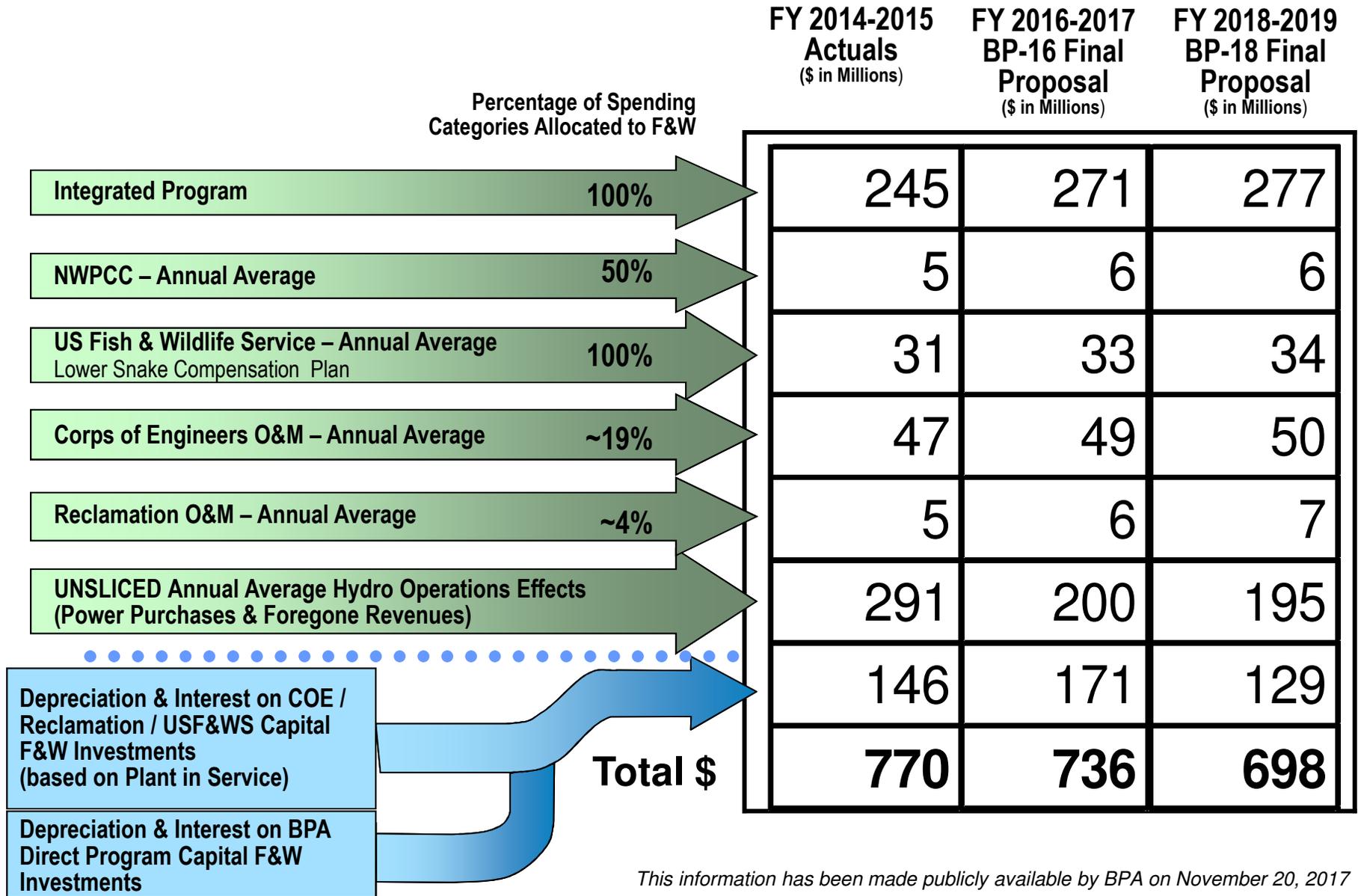
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Candice D. Palen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Candice D. Palen  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer

[Responsive records attached](#)

# Total Annual Average Cost of BPA Fish & Wildlife Actions



*This information has been made publicly available by BPA on November 20, 2017 and contains information not reported in agency financial statements.*

