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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

June 10, 2019

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2019-00912-F

Delmer Eldred

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Dear Mr. Eldred,

This communication is an information update for you regarding your recent request to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) for information made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). BPA received your request on May 20, 2019, and acknowledged and responded to it on June 7, 2019.

Request & Clarification

Based on your original request of May 20, 2019, and your clarification of June 4, 2019, BPA states your request language as follows: “[Regarding] the wind mills [that] don't make enough to pay their monthly leases and so forth[,] does the BPA have to make up the difference[, and] [i]f so how much approximately does BPA have to subsidize[] the wind energy program? [I seek information regarding]... the amount of subsidy payments that the BPA has had to make on wind energy since 2006 until 2018... .”

Response Update

The FOIA Office received some additional information from knowledgeable personnel in the agency's Western Engineering office. As an update and correction to the June 7, 2019 letter the FOIA Office sent to you, Western Engineering mentions that BPA's business relationship with wind energy developers is such that the developers pay the agency for energy transmission services, and sometimes for ancillary services to their generators. BPA isn't involved with any lease payments to wind energy developers regarding real property leases or any other leases. Correcting the information in the previous letter to you, the wind energy developers pay upfront costs to build the BPA infrastructure required to support wind energy developers' generation. The wind energy developers receive transmission credits in return. Aside from the upfront costs, BPA does not provide other payments or subsidies to wind energy developers.

Certification

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the additional information described above. Your FOIA request BPA-2019-00912-F remains closed.

Appeal

Your appeal rights and options, as explained in the June 7, 2019, letter to you, remain unchanged and available to you.

Questions about this communication may be directed to James King, CorSource Technology Group LLC, at jjking@bpa.gov or 503.230.7621. Thank you for your patience in getting you the correct agency information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Candice D. Palen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Candice D. Palen
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer