



## Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration  
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Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

August 1, 2019

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2019-01185-F

Jerome Berryhill

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Dear Mr. Berryhill,

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has received your request for agency records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). BPA received your records request on July 30, 2019, and has assigned your request a tracking number of BPA-2019-01185-F. Please use that tracking number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your FOIA request.

### Request

“...if BPA currently uses a standard powerline easement document in the Willamette Valley, I request a blank copy. [AND] If there is more than one standard document, for different circumstances, I request a blank copy of each. [OR] If BPA does not currently have a standard easement document, I request examples of easements BPA has purchased for transmission lines in the Willamette Valley in the last twenty years. [AND] I request at least one example each of an easement for timberland and one for residential land, in each of the last four half-decades.”

### Acknowledgement

BPA has reviewed your request and has determined that it fulfills all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and Department of Energy FOIA regulations at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004.

### Response

BPA conducted responsive records searches in the agency’s Natural Resources office and the Real Property Field Services office. The four page responsive record was located and is herein being release with no exemption redactions applied.

BPA’s Natural Resources personnel report that the current transmission line easement template (in use since approximately 2016) is the responsive record. BPA does not use different templates “for different circumstances.” BPA may occasionally use easement templates (edited as necessary) from other parties, e.g., Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Additionally, BPA may occasionally modify its template when such modifications are negotiated by BPA Realty Specialists and/or land owners.

**Fees**

There are no fees associated with the response to your request.

**Certification**

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the search, determination, and record release described above. Your FOIA request BPA-2019-01185-F is now closed with the responsive agency record 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 503.230.3537, [jetaylor@bpa.gov](mailto:jetaylor@bpa.gov), or the address on this 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: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Phone: 202-741-5770  
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448  
Fax: 202-741-5769

Questions about this communication may be directed to James King, CorSource Technology Group LLC, at [jjking@bpa.gov](mailto:jjking@bpa.gov) or 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

The responsive agency record accompanies this communication.