



**Department of Energy**  
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FOIA/PRIVACY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

March 18, 2021

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2021-00474-F

Charles L. Cross

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Dear Mr. Cross:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) received your recent inquiry to the agency on March 11, 2021, and is treating your request for information as a records request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). BPA assigned your request a tracking number of BPA-2021-2021-F. Please use that tracking number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your FOIA request.

**Request**

“the annual revenue, for the last five years, from [the] sale of electricity produced by the Grand Coulee Dam”

**Acknowledgement**

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

**Response**

BPA conducted records and information searches in the agency’s Generation Asset Management organization and found no records responsive to your request. The explanation for this is that BPA operates the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) as a system without segmenting the power from any one particular dam, and the value of power generated from those respective dams changes throughout the day, each day. Additionally, power is sold and transmitted to different customers at different rates. Therefore, based on the inquiry you’ve submitted, the agency has no responsive records, or even an answer *per se* to your question. That stated, the agency welcomes further dialog with you, if you believe you can guide the agency’s search for the information and records you seek. Please feel free to email or call my staff via the contact access provided at the end of this communication.

**Fees**

There are no fees associated with the processing of your FOIA request.

**Certification**

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the records search and information release described above. Your FOIA request BPA-2021-00474-F is now closed, with no responsive agency records available to provide.

**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.

Questions about this communication or the status of your FOIA request may be directed to the FOIA Public Liaison Jason Taylor at [jetaylor@bpa.gov](mailto:jetaylor@bpa.gov) or 503-230-3537. Questions may also be directed to Becky Chiao, ACS Professional Staffing, at [rlchiao@bpa.gov](mailto:rlchiao@bpa.gov) or 503-230-4230.

Sincerely,



Candice D. Palen  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer