



## Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration  
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

February 2, 2022

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2022-00328-F

Darcey Peterson  
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Dear Ms. Peterson,

This communication is the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) acknowledgment and response to your request for agency records and information, made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your request was received on January 10, 2022 and assigned tracking number of BPA-2022-00328-F. Please use that number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your FOIA request.

### Request

“On June 28, 2021, the day that temperatures hit 110 degrees in Renton, Washington, there was a forest fire under BPA's power lines. I am looking for any information related to this fire. Duration, cause, extent, Number of parcels involved, etc. Here is a link to the coverage from the local paper: <https://patch.com/washington/sammamish/brush-fire-reported-south-issaquah>”

### Acknowledgement

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

### Response

Records were collected from knowledgeable subject matter experts in the following offices:

- Covington District Operations and Maintenance
- Snohomish Transmission Field Services
- Transmission Real Time Operations
- Vegetation Management & Forestry

Five pages of records were collected and are being released with one minor redaction, described below.

### **Explanation of Exemptions**

The FOIA generally requires the release of all agency records upon request. However, the FOIA permits or requires withholding certain limited information that falls under one or more of nine statutory exemptions (5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(1-9)). Further, section (b) of the FOIA, which contains the FOIA's nine statutory exemptions, also directs agencies to publicly release any reasonably segregable, non-exempt information that is contained in those records.

#### Exemption 6

Exemption 6 serves to protect Personally Identifiable Information (PII) contained in agency records when no overriding public interest in the information exists. BPA does not find an overriding public interest in a release of the information redacted under Exemption 6—specifically, an individual's phone number. This information sheds no light on the executive functions of the agency, and we find no overriding public interest in its release. BPA cannot waive these redactions, as the protections afforded by Exemption 6 belong to individuals and not to the agency.

### **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-2022-00328-F is now closed with the available and responsive agency information 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.

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 BPA FOIA Public Liaison Jason E. Taylor at 503-230-3537 or [jetaylor@bpa.gov](mailto:jetaylor@bpa.gov).

Sincerely,



Candice D. Palen  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer

**From:** [Grinolds, Jacob D \(BPA\) - TFBV-SNOHOMISH](#)  
**To:** [Morse, Christopher S \(BPA\) - TFBV-DOB-1](#)  
**Cc:** [Strombom, Jennifer L \(BPA\) - TFBV-CHEMAWA](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Maple Valley-Sammish 2 230kv line O/S  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 12:47:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Fire started by homeless encampment and burned under line. Lots of firefighters and they are currently air dumping water thru the lines that TLM has out of service. Burned some trees that I just marked for my Sammamish project so that's good, maybe around 35 burnt trees to deal with but nothing major.

Jake

Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On Jun 29, 2021 6:44 AM, "Morse, Christopher S (BPA) - TFBV-DOB-1" <[csmorse@bpa.gov](mailto:csmorse@bpa.gov)> wrote:  
FYI. Fire location is in EGIS.

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**From:** McIntosh, Jim J (TFE)(BPA) - TORD-DITT-1 <[jjmcintosh@bpa.gov](mailto:jjmcintosh@bpa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:19 PM  
**To:** Rohm Jr, Jim (TFE)(BPA) - TORD-DITT-1 <[jmrohmr@bpa.gov](mailto:jmrohmr@bpa.gov)>; Dispatchers System Operations Advisory - TORD/TORM <[DispatchersSystemOperationsAdvisory@BPASite1.bpa.gov](mailto:DispatchersSystemOperationsAdvisory@BPASite1.bpa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Maple Valley-Sammish 2 230kv line O/S

2218: Line Back in service fire is no longer a threat per TLM.  
There was no relay action on any BPA Facilities during this incident.  
Fire crews referred to this as the Cedar Hills Fire.

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**From:** Rohm Jr, Jim (TFE)(BPA) - TORD-DITT-1 <[jmrohmr@bpa.gov](mailto:jmrohmr@bpa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 5:47 PM  
**To:** Dispatchers System Operations Advisory - TORD/TORM <[DispatchersSystemOperationsAdvisory@BPASite1.bpa.gov](mailto:DispatchersSystemOperationsAdvisory@BPASite1.bpa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Maple Valley-Sammish 2 230kv line O/S

1735: Maple Valley-Sammish 2 230kv line O/S for water fire drop.

**Jim Rohm**  
Senior System Dispatcher | TORD-DITT1  
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**From:** Rohm Jr,Jim (TFE)(BPA) - TORD-DITT-1 <[jmrohmjr@bpa.gov](mailto:jmrohmjr@bpa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 3:17 PM  
**To:** Dispatchers System Operations Advisory - TORD/TORM  
<[DispatchersSystemOperationsAdvisory@BPASite1.bpa.gov](mailto:DispatchersSystemOperationsAdvisory@BPASite1.bpa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Echo Lake-Maple Valley No.1&2 500KV line O/S

1449 PDT: Echo Lake-Maple Valley No.1&2 500KV line O/S due to Fire in under Line with Fire Crew fighting Fire. No ETR. No curtailments needed.

**Jim Rohm**  
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**From:** [Rohm Jr,Jim \(TFE\)\(BPA\) - TORD-DITT-1](#)  
**To:** [Dispatchers System Operations Advisory - TORD/TORM](#)  
**Subject:** Covington-Maple Valley NO. 2 230KV line returned to service  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 3:36:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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1422 PDT: Covington-Maple Valley NO. 2 230KV line returned to service.

**Jim Rohm**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 1:22 PM  
**To:** Rohm Jr,Jim (TFE)(BPA) - TORD-DITT-1 <jmrohmr@bpa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Echo Lake-Maple Valley No.1&2 500KV line Returned to service Covington-Maple Valley NO. 2 230KV line O/S

1319 PDT: Echo Lake-Maple Valley No.1&2 500KV line Returned to service.

1320 PDT: Covington-Maple Valley NO. 2 230KV line O/S to help facilitate Fire Suppression in BPA's Right of Way.

**Jim Rohm**

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**From:** Rohm Jr,Jim (TFE)(BPA) - TORD-DITT-1 <[jmrohmrj@bpa.gov](mailto:jmrohmrj@bpa.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 11:36 AM

**To:** Dispatchers System Operations Advisory - TORD/TORM  
<[DispatchersSystemOperationsAdvisory@BPASite1.bpa.gov](mailto:DispatchersSystemOperationsAdvisory@BPASite1.bpa.gov)>

**Subject:** Echo Lake-Maple Valley No.1&2 500KV line O/S

1133: Echo Lake-Maple Valley No.1&2 500KV line O/S to help facilitate Fire Suppression in BPA's Right Of Way. EST O/S 4hrs. No Curtailments needed.

**Jim Rohm**

Senior System Dispatcher | TORD-DITT1

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1449 JUN 28 2021 OS-IS PLANNED:EMERGENCY DITTMER RECORD #1445018  
 RELAY OPERATION APPEARS NOT APPLICABLE  
 RAS OPERATION APPEARS NOT APPLICABLE

	O/S	I/S	CAUSE	RSYS
ECHO LAKE-MAPLE VALLEY NO 1&2 500KV LINE	1449 JUN 28 2021	2201 JUN 28 2021	EMERGENCY	BPA
MAPLE VALLEY: 500/230KV TRANSFORMER 2	1449 JUN 28 2021	2201 JUN 28 2021	EMERGENCY	BPA

COMMENTS

1449 JUN 28 2021 LINE DE-ENERGIZED AT TLM REQUEST. DIR

1449 JUN 28 2021 RAS/IPS: RC NOTIFIED PRIOR TO SWITCHING. SOC/NOEL MARKED FOR EQUIPMENT O/S. SOC TTC DEDUCTION -460MW. NOEL TTC DEDUCTION -280MW.

1507 JUN 28 2021 RECLOSING C/O ON THE MAPLE VALLEY TERMINAL OF THE ROCKY REACH-MAPLE VALLEY 345KV LINE.  
 RECLOSING C/O ON THE COVINGTON-MAPLE VALLEY 230KV LINE.  
 RECLOSING C/O DUE TO TLM'S REPORT OF THE FIRE IN THE CORRIDOR

1530 JUN 28 2021 FIRE REPORTEDLY LOCATED NEAR 47.455°N, 122.055°W. TLM REPORTS STRUCTURE 10/4 ON THE ECHO LAKE-MAPLE VALLEY, AND 9/2 ON THE COVINGTON-MAPLE VALLEY #2.

2201 JUN 28 2021 RAS/IPS: LINE AND EQUIPMENT MARKED I/S AND SOC/NOEL DEDUCTIONS REMOVED. SOC/NOEL TTC LIMITS: 2277MW/ 2433MW. RC AND RTSE NOTIFIED.

2221 JUN 28 2021 RECLOSING REMAINS C/O ON ROCKY REACH TERMINAL OF ROCKY REACH-MAPLE VALLEY #1 345KV LINE. CHELAN WILL HAVE PERSONNEL RESTORE RECLOSING TOMORROW DURING THE DAY. ALL OTHER TERMINALS ASSOCIATED WITH LOG NOTE ABOVE AT 1507 HAVE RECLOSING RESTORED TO NORMAL.

2252 JUN 28 2021 SEE LOG TODAY AT 2245 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

1725 JUN 28 2021 OS-IS PLANNED:EMERGENCY DITTMER RECORD #1445060  
 RELAY OPERATION APPEARS NOT APPLICABLE  
 RAS OPERATION APPEARS NOT APPLICABLE

	O/S	I/S	CAUSE	RSYS
SAMMAMISH-MAPLE VALLEY NO 1 230KV LINE	1732 JUN 28 2021	1817 JUN 28 2021	EMERGENCY	BPA
SAMMAMISH-NOVELTY HILL SECTION OF	1732 JUN 28 2021	1817 JUN 28 2021	EMERGENCY	BPA
SAMMAMISH-MAPLE VALLEY NO 1 230KV LINE	1732 JUN 28 2021	1817 JUN 28 2021	EMERGENCY	BPA
NOVELTY HILL-KLAHANIE SECTION OF	1732 JUN 28 2021	1817 JUN 28 2021	EMERGENCY	BPA
SAMMAMISH-MAPLE VALLEY NO 1 230KV LINE	1732 JUN 28 2021	1817 JUN 28 2021	EMERGENCY	BPA
KLAHANIE TAP TO SAMMAMISH-MAPLE VALLEY	1732 JUN 28 2021	1817 JUN 28 2021	EMERGENCY	BPA
NO 1 230KV LINE	1732 JUN 28 2021	2216 JUN 28 2021	EMERGENCY	BPA
KLAHANIE-MAPLE VALLEY SECTION OF	1732 JUN 28 2021	2216 JUN 28 2021	EMERGENCY	BPA
SAMMAMISH-MAPLE VALLEY NO 1 230KV LINE	1732 JUN 28 2021	2216 JUN 28 2021	EMERGENCY	BPA

COMMENTS

1725 JUN 28 2021 TLM REQUESTED SAMMAMISH-MAPLE VALLEY #1 230KV LINE DE-ENERGIZED TLM REQUEST. DIR

2251 JUN 28 2021 SEE LOG TODAY AT 2245 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

2245 JUN 28 2021 TRANSMISSION DITTMER RECORD #1445116  
 CEDAR HILLS FIRE: COVINGTON TLM REPORTS FIRE IS NO LONGER THREATENING BPA EQUIPMENT. TLM GOING HOME FOR THE NIGHT. FIRE CREWS TO WORK THROUGH THE NIGHT TO COMPLETE FIRE CONTAINMENT AND WILL CONDUCT A TAILBOARD TOMORROW AT 0800 TO DISCUSS ANY FURTHER ACTION NEEDED. FIRE BOSS CONTACT INFO: BEN (b) (6) SEE LOG TODAY AT 1449 & 1725 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

0915 JUN 29 2021 INFORMATION TAG MITIGATION DITTMER RECORD #1445226  
 COVINGTON-MAPLE VALLEY NO 2 230KV LINE (RECLOSING C/O) TO 30 JUN 2021  
 DCC DISPATCHER HAS D9048INF FOR: RECLOSING CUT OUT FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION EFFORTS  
 ISSUED ON: 0915 JUN 29 2021

0915 JUN 29 2021 INFORMATION TAG MITIGATION DITTMER RECORD #1445234  
 ECHO LAKE-MAPLE VALLEY NO 1&2 500KV LINE (RECLOSING C/O) TO 30 JUN 2021  
 DCC DISPATCHER HAS D9051INF FOR: RECLOSING CUT OUT FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION EFFORTS  
 ISSUED ON: 0915 JUN 29 2021

0936 JUN 29 2021 INFORMATION TAG MITIGATION DITTMER RECORD #1445232  
 ROCKY REACH-MAPLE VALLEY NO 1 345KV LINE (RECLOSING C/O) TO 30 JUN 2021  
 DCC DISPATCHER HAS D9050INF FOR: RECLOSING CUT OUT FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION EFFORTS  
 ISSUED ON: 0936 JUN 29 2021

1133 JUN 29 2021 INFORMATION TAG PLANNED:URGENT DITTMER RECORD #1445286

	O/S	I/S	CAUSE	RSYS
ECHO LAKE-MAPLE VALLEY NO 1&2 500KV LINE	1133 JUN 29 2021	1319 JUN 29 2021	URGENT	BPA
MAPLE VALLEY: 500/230KV TRANSFORMER 2	1133 JUN 29 2021	1319 JUN 29 2021	URGENT	BPA

\*URGENT\* ECHO LAKE-MAPLE VALLEY NO 1&2 500KV LINE INCLUDING MAPLE VALLEY: 500/230KV TRANSFORMER 2 TO 29 JUN 2021

DCC DISPATCHER HAS D9054INF FOR: LINE DE-ENERGIZED FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES  
 ISSUED ON: 1133 JUN 29 2021 RELEASED ON: 1319 JUN 29 2021

COMMENTS

1134 JUN 29 2021 MARKED SOC/NOEL FOR EQUIPMENT OOS. SOC TTC: 1960MW, NOEL TTC: 2356MW. RC/RTSE/DCC SUPERVISOR NOTIFIED. DSOA SENT.

1319 JUN 29 2021 MARKED SOC/NOEL FOR EQUIPMENT I/S. RC NOTIFIED. DSOA SENT. SEE LOG NOTE AT 1320 FOR MORE INFORMATION.