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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

June 4, 2021

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2021-00488-F

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Dear Mr. Behrens,

This communication is a first partial response to your records request submitted to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and made via the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your request was received on March 24, 2021, and formally acknowledged on April 6, 2021.

Request

1. All photographs or videos from September 6, 2020 to present, depicting any fire activity, including the Beachie Creek Fire or any indicia thereof (i.e., smoke, ash, burning, evacuation), within the Santiam Canyon Area, whether created by any employee in your office, the BPA, any other responding agency, or any witness to the fire or member of the public. Please include any information identifying the location, date, and time (such as filenames) of such photographs or videos; and the full name(s) and contact information for the photographer(s)/videographer(s) of such photographs or videos.) [And,]
2. All photographs and videos from September 6, 2020 to September 13, 2020 depicting PacifiCorp-owned or operated equipment, including conductors, power lines, and poles. Please include any information identifying the location, date, and time of such photographs or videos (such as filenames, logs, or notes); and the full name(s) and contact information for the photographers or videographer(s) of such videos in the Santiam Canyon Area. [And,]
3. All videos or footage from September 6, 2020 to September 13, 2020 from the BPA's cameras, webcams, surveillance cameras, and/or fire cams depicting the Beachie Creek Fire. [And,]
4. All videos or footage from September 6, 2020 to September 13, 2020 from the BPA's cameras, webcams, surveillance cameras, and/or fire cams in or around the Santiam Canyon Area. [And,]
5. Any and all rain gauge, wind, temperature, and other meteorological measurements, including associated GPS or other location data, made during the Beachie Creek Fire, from September 6,

2020 to September 13, 2020, including any measurements received from the National Weather Service. If this data is publicly available, please provide the internet hyperlink. [And,]

6. All meeting minutes, notes, agendas, summaries, reports, correspondence or other records of communication related to the Beachie Creek Fire, including email communications and non-final or draft versions thereof, from September 6, 2020 until present. [And,]

7. All documents related to operational activities related to BPA'S electric transmission system in the Santiam Canyon Area, including Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) data and outage, interruption, relay, and/or fault records, from September 5, 2020 to September 13, 2020. [And,]

8. Any and all inspection records for BPA electrical facilities within the Santiam Canyon Area for the five years preceding the Beachie Creek Fire, including maps of such electrical facilities.

[For purposes of this request — 1. “Santiam Canyon Area” will mean in and around the Santiam Canyon area in Oregon, including the area generally west of Detroit and east of Salem, near the county line between Marion and Linn Counties and Route 22, and including the communities of Lyons, Mill City, and Gates, Oregon. 2. “Beachie Creek Fire” will mean the wildfire in Oregon beginning on or about August 16, 2020, which burned 193,573 acres and which was officially contained October 31, 2020. 3. “Including” or “includes” will mean including but not limited to.]

First Partial Response

This partial response concerns Item 5, above, of your FOIA request. BPA's Office of General Counsel communicated with the agency's Weather & Streamflow Forecasting office regarding, “Any and all rain gauge, wind, temperature, and other meteorological measurements, including associated GPS or other location data, made during the Beachie Creek Fire, from September 6, 2020 to September 13, 2020, including any measurements received from the National Weather Service.” Knowledgeable agency supervisory personnel in Weather & Streamflow Forecasting have confirmed that BPA does not perform independent meteorological measurements. As a consequence, the agency has no records to provide in response to your request Item 5. The National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will be the appropriate contact for all germane weather records, including those used by BPA and including “all rain gauge, wind, temperature, and other meteorological measurements” data gathered and relied upon during the Beachie Creek Fire. The data you've requested can be found at the National Center for Environmental Information (NCEI) website:

<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov>

You may also file a FOIA request for the data you seek with NOAA, at the website:

<https://www.noaa.gov/organization/information-technology/freedom-of-information-act>

Fees

There are no fees associated with processing your FOIA request.

Certification

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the first partial FOIA response described above.

Ongoing Processing

BPA continues to gather and process records responsive to your full request, above.

Please know that for an undetermined period, related to the agency's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, BPA personnel are operating within a remote working directive. FOIA request processing is thereby slowed. BPA remains committed to meeting its FOIA obligations to you and to all its many FOIA requesters. In light of the above conditions and determinations BPA continues to estimate the completion of a response to your FOIA request by August 11, 2021. BPA invites you to contact us to narrow the scope of your request or to discuss this estimated completion date.

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:

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Questions about this communication or the status of your FOIA request may be directed to FOIA Public Liaison Jason Taylor at jetaylor@bpa.gov or at 503-230-3537. Questions may also be directed to James King, CorSource Technology Group LLC, at jjking@bpa.gov or 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Behrens,

This communication is a second partial response to your records request submitted to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and made via the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your request was received on March 24, 2021, and formally acknowledged on April 6, 2021. A first partial response to your FOIA request was provided to you on June 4, 2021.

Request

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3. All videos or footage from September 6, 2020 to September 13, 2020 from the BPA's cameras, webcams, surveillance cameras, and/or fire cams depicting the Beachie Creek Fire. [And,]
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First Partial Response

A first partial response concerning Item 5, above, of your FOIA request was provided on June 4, 2021.

Second Partial Response

This partial response concerns Items 3 and 4, above, of your FOIA request. BPA's Office of General Counsel communicated with supervisory personnel in the agency's Physical Security office regarding, “All videos or footage from September 6, 2020 to September 13, 2020 from the BPA's cameras, webcams, surveillance cameras, and/or fire cams depicting the Beachie Creek Fire [AND] all videos or footage from September 6, 2020 to September 13, 2020 from the BPA's cameras, webcams, surveillance cameras, and/or fire cams in or around the Santiam Canyon Area.” Physical Security personnel have confirmed that the Marion and Santiam Substations would likely be the only BPA facilities within your FOIA subject area. Currently, and during the timeframe outlined in your FOIA request, BPA only has video cameras on the control house or/and the relay house buildings. Those cameras are in place solely to monitor access doors and the approaches thereto. Neither the Marion Substation nor the Santiam Substation has a perimeter intrusion system installed around the perimeter fence line—which would use cameras. Lastly, Physical Security reports that they currently, and during the timeframe outlined in your FOIA request, do not use webcams or fire cams in the field. As a consequence, the agency has no records to provide in response to your request Items 3 and 4.

Fees

There are no fees associated with processing your FOIA request.

Certification

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the second partial FOIA response described above.

Ongoing Processing

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Dear Mr. Behrens,

This communication is a third partial response to your records request submitted to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and made via the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your request was received on March 24, 2021, and formally acknowledged on April 6, 2021.

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Previous Responses

A first partial response concerning Item 5 of your FOIA request was provided on June 4, 2021. A second partial response concerning Items 3 and 4 of your FOIA request was provided on June 24, 2021.

Third Partial Response

This partial response concerns Items 1 and 2, above, of your FOIA request. BPA's Office of General Counsel communicated with supervisory and management personnel in the agency's Transmission offices, and Incident Management Team Office of Continuity of Operations, and Emergency Management District Operations and Maintenance – Salem, and with several other knowledgeable agency personnel regarding your requests for photographic records as described in Items 1 and 2, above. BPA is reviewing the records provided by knowledgeable agency personnel for responsiveness and any potential application of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). Those records will be the subject of a future partial release to you. Additional and possibly duplicative photographs used by the agency and responsive to your FOIA request were created by the U.S. Air Force-Civil Air Patrol and can be found at the following internet location:

<https://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/775f24c12d684ff0bb9c731b506455a2>

Fees

There are no fees associated with processing your FOIA request.

Certification

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the third partial FOIA response described above.

Ongoing Processing

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In light of the above conditions and determinations BPA estimates a next partial response to your request by September 29, 2021. BPA invites you to contact us to narrow the scope of your request or to discuss this estimated completion date.

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