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In reply refer to: DK-7

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RE: FOIA Request #06-003

Dear Mr. Seligman:

Thank you for your fax of October 28, 2005, requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act. In your fax, you requested copies of documents related to the Bonneville Power Administration's negotiations in 2000 and 2001 with Longview Aluminum LLC and McCook Metals. You specifically asked for the following documents:

1. All communications, whether in hard copy or electronic form, between BPA and Longview and its agents (i.e., lawyers and consultants) or between BPA and McCook and its agents, regarding the amount to be paid by BPA to Longview or McCook to reduce load and how the final amount (\$226 million) was justified and established.
2. All communications, whether in hard copy or electronic form, submitted by Longview or McCook or their agents to BPA that described Longview's or McCook's finances, assets and long-term viability prior to BPA signing the power sales contract, curtailment agreement or any other contract.
3. BPA's internal financial review(s) and analyses of Longview's or McCook's finances, assets and long-term viability conducted prior to BPA signing the power sales contract, curtailment agreement or any other contract. This request includes e-mail between BPA staff regarding Longview's or McCook's finances and/or its ability to operate the Longview aluminum smelter.
4. All communications, whether in hard copy or electronic form, between BPA and the U.S. Department of Energy, including communications sent by or received at DOE and shared with BPA, regarding the proposed BPA-Longview or BPA-McCook agreements prior to BPA signing the power sales contract, curtailment agreement or any other contract with Longview or McCook.
5. All communications, whether in hard copy or electronic form, between BPA and Alcoa and its agents (i.e., lawyers and consultants) prior to BPA signing the power sales contract, curtailment agreement or any other contract with Longview or McCook.

6. All communications, whether in hard copy or electronic form, between BPA and the United Steelworkers of America and its agents or any other union and its agents regarding the proposed BPA-Longview and BPA-McCook relationship prior to BPA signing the power sales contract, curtailment agreement or any other contract with Longview or McCook.
7. All communications, whether in hard copy or electronic form, between BPA and Brett Wilcox or his employees and agents regarding the proposed BPA-Longview and BPA-McCook relationship prior to BPA signing the power sales contract, curtailment agreement or any other contract with Longview or McCook.

Your request was received by our office on October 28, 2005, and has been logged in as FOIA #06-003. You have stated that you are willing to pay search and copy expenses not to exceed \$250 and have asked to be contacted if the expenses are likely to exceed that amount.

Mr. Gary Insley, supervisory public utilities specialist, has been designated as Authorizing Official for your request. Mr. Insley has 20 working days, until December 1, 2005, to provide a response. Should you have any questions, Mr. Insley may be reached at Mail Stop PTS-5 or by calling 503-230-3715.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina J. Brannon

Christina J. Brannon
Freedom of Information Officer