



Department of Energy
Richland Operations Office
P.O. Box 550
Richland, Washington 99352

April 24, 2017

CERTIFIED MAIL

Ms. Kendall Witmer
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Witmer:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST (FOI 2017-00928)

This letter is in response to the electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office (RL). Your request was received in this office on April 18, 2017. In your request you asked for:

- “Any paper or electronic correspondence, including attachments, exchanged between the Richland Operations Office (referred to as your agency) and [REDACTED] commonly known as [REDACTED], in his capacity as a lobbyist for Enron Corporation from 1/1/1999 to 12/31/2002. [REDACTED] is known to have used the following e-mail addresses: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We are providing these addresses to assist in your search, and request that you not limit your search to only these addresses.”

- “Any paper or electronic correspondence, including attachments, exchanged between your agency and the following lobbyists for Enron from the firm of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This request covers 1/1/1999 to 12/31/2002.”

- “Record of any meetings held between staff at your agency and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 1/1/1999 to 12/31/2002.”

As previously stated in our letter to you dated April 18, 2017, for the purposes of assessment of any fees, we have determined that your request falls within Section 1004.9(b)(4), (“all other requestors”) of our FOIA regulations. See 10 C.F.R. 1004.9(b)(4). You are thus entitled to two (2) free hours of search time and 100 pages of duplication at no cost. In your request, you agreed to pay \$50.00. We have exhausted the two (2) free hours of search time and spent one (1) hour searching for responsive documents and no documents were located. Our search was conducted by individuals within the agency who are most familiar with the subject matter of your request. We searched the archive files and databases in the Records Holding Area that maintains and stores archived Hanford Site records and the records located in the Integrated Document Management System.

We estimate another two (2) hours of search time to complete our search at the average rate of \$42.00 per hour and \$.05 per page for duplication costs. In a telephone conversation with me on April 20, 2017, you requested we suspend our search for documents and not proceed with the additional search time. If this does not reflect our conversation correctly, please contact this office immediately.

The undersigned individual is responsible for the determination(s) outlined in this letter. You have the right to appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, as provided in 10 CFR 1004.8. Should you choose to exercise this right, your appeal must be filed within 90 days after receipt of this letter. You may submit your appeal by email to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. Alternatively, any such appeal may be made in writing to the following address: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (HG-1), U.S. Department of Energy, L'Enfant Plaza Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. Should you choose to appeal, please provide my office with a copy of your appeal email or letter.

You may contact DOE RL's FOIA Public Liaison, Richard Buel, at (509) 376-3375, or by mail at P.O. Box 550, Richland, Washington, 99352 for any further assistance or 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; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770 (toll free at 1-877-684-6448); or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Costs associated with your request are as follows:

Search time – 3 hours (2 hours at no charge) @ \$47.16/hour \$ 47.16

Your check of \$47.16 should be sent to my attention at the following address: DOE Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, Washington, 99352.

Should you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me on (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original Signed By-

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Communications
and External Affairs

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