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Mr. Stephan C. Volker  
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Dear Mr. Volker:

This letter acknowledges your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated June 24, 2009, which was received by the Washington Office (WO) Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on June 25, 2009. Your request has been logged in under control number **2009-00693**. Please use this control number in all subsequent correspondence concerning your request.

In your letter you requested the following:

“All cultural documents or materials related, in any way, to the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Line Project (“SPTP” or “Project”), prepared by or on behalf of, received, or in the possession of, the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) from January 12, 2005 to the present, including but not limited to:

- All background documents relating to, or resulting from, the cultural surveys or studies related to the SPTP;
- All inventories, studies, memoranda, and plans regarding cultural surveys or studies related to the SPTP or within the Project area;
- All studies, memoranda, and plans regarding the potential impacts on cultural resources of the SPTP;
- All correspondence between BLM and any other party that discuss cultural surveys or studies pertaining to the SPTP. This includes but it not limited to, faxes, meeting notes or transcripts, hearing notes or transcripts, and notes from telephone conversations.
- All non-privileged emails from, between, or sent to, BLM staff including, but not limited to, emails from or to other agencies, government officials, organizations,

or private parties, addressing, in any way, cultural surveys or studies related to the SPTP;

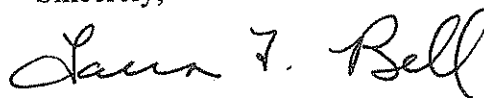
- All data related to, or resulting from, cultural surveys or studies related to the SPTP. This includes, but is not limited to: maps, charts, tables, GIS data, GIS cultural surveys or studies with regard to the SPTP;
- All information collected as a result of cultural surveys or studies conducted in connection to the SPTP;
- All information, studies, memoranda, analyses, reports, correspondence, and plans related to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the SPTP with regard to cultural surveys or studies. This includes, but it is not limited to, any data, information, memorandums, analyses, reports, or correspondence that was used to develop the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Final EIS, or any other document that is part of the NEPA process, pertaining to cultural surveys or studies.”

In your initial letter, you requested a fee waiver, this letter approves that request. You have also asked for a “privilege log” identifying any documents withheld from disclosure. FOIA responses are not required to provide a Vaughn index except in cases of litigation.

We have sent your request to the appropriate program offices to search for the responsive documents. We have given them 5 days to respond to this search request.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the BLM FOIA Program Manager, Laura F. Bell at (202) 452-5013. If you have any questions in reference to the status of your request, you may contact WO FOIA Consultant Constance Downs at (202) 452-0314. Thank you for your interest in BLM.

Sincerely,



Laura F. Bell  
FOIA Program Manager