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Subject: FOIA Request No. FY19-82 - Administratively Closing

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Mr. Hart Wood,

Per our conversation on September 25, 2020, I am writing to inform you that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Agency) is administratively closing your FOIA request, FY19-82, submitted in June 2019. As you know, the Commission has been responding to your request on a rolling basis. Attached for your reference is the most recent (2nd) rolling response, dated July 9, 2020. The agency is administratively closing your request for the reasons we discussed and as explained below.

As you may know, on March 13, 2020, in our effort to remain consistent with local health guidelines for best practices to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus, the agency announced staff will be teleworking beginning March 16, 2020. As of today, that arrangement continues indefinitely. We are very committed to the processing of your FOIA request as timely as possible, but we want to alert you that the present circumstances hinder the ability to review and process potentially responsive material that are in FERC's office. However, as we discussed, we are reasonably sure that documents currently located in the office are duplicates of documents you have obtained in the agency's 2nd rolling response. Furthermore, the uncertainty of the duration of these circumstances precludes a realistic estimation of when we may be able to resume processing your request.

In light of the current situation, the agency is administratively closing your request. Let me quickly assure you we are closing your request without prejudice and you will not lose your right to submit a request for the same information again in the future.

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I hope you and those close to you are staying healthy during this strange time. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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