



ARCS: 292-30
File: EGM-2014-50103

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Sent via email:

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Energy and Mines (Core Review). Your request is for:

Correspondence, including emails and text messages, between Minister Polak and Minister Thomson or Minister Polak and Minister Bill Bennett or Minister Thomson and Minister Bennett pertaining to the Site C Clean Energy Project; Briefing notes, backgrounders, issues statements and reports provided to Minister Polak and Minister Thomson for consideration in making their decision, excluding documents publicly available on the Environmental Assessment Office website such as the environmental assessment certificate or letter from the EAO's Executive Director; Briefing notes, backgrounders, issues statements and reports provided to Minister Bennett for consideration in making their decision, excluding documents publicly available on the Environmental Assessment Office website. (Date Range for Record Search: From 05/01/2014 To 10/14/2014)

Please find enclosed phase one of a multi-phased response your request. Additional records are being processed and will follow under separate cover. Some information has been withheld in the enclosed records pursuant to section(s) 12 (Cabinet and local public body confidences), 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 14 (Legal advice), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Charlotte Van-Schalkwyk the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-356-5055. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-356-5055.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kris Ghag', is positioned above the typed name.

Kris Ghag, Manager
Resource Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.