



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Via email: info@americansforpublictrust.org

RE: HQ-2021-00198-F

Dear Mr. Serslev:

This is a final response to the request for information that you sent to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

Any records or logs which detail correspondence exchanged between the Department of Energy, Office of Acquisition Management and John Kerry, including but not limited to, emails to and/or from the domain climatefinancepartners.com.

In a phone call with Rosa Vazquez, of my office, confirmed over email on May 25, 2021, you clarified that you only want information from the Office of Acquisition Management and John Kerry, the former senator and Secretary of State, and from the domain @climatefinancepartners.com. The date range would be from January 1, 2012 until December 9, 2020 when you send the request.

Your request was assigned to DOE's Office of Acquisition Management (MA-60) to conduct a search of its files for responsive records. MA-60 started its search on August 17, 2021. MA-60 has completed its search but did not locate any records responsive to your request.

Therefore, pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) §1004.4(d), I am unable to provide any responsive records for MA-60. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. §1004.7(b)(2), I am responsible for the determination that no responsive records exist in MA-60.

The adequacy of the search may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office



of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line (this is the method preferred by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.) The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C.F.R § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955 or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and 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, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The FOIA provides for the assessment of fees for the processing of requests. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(i); see also 10 C.F.R. § 1004.9(a). In our December 11, 2020, letter, you were advised that your request was placed in the "other" category for fee purposes. Requestors in this category are provided two free hours of search time and 100 pages at no cost. DOE's processing costs did not exceed \$15, the minimum at which DOE assesses fees. Thus, no fees will be charged for processing your request.

If you have any questions about the processing of your request or this letter, you may contact Ms. Rosa M. Vazquez or me at:

MA-46/Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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(202) 586-5955

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alexander C.
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