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Re: FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Davis:

Pursuant to the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Code §2-532 et seq., the Energy Justice Network asks the Department of Public Works to provide the following public records:

- 1) “All documents and memoranda since 1/1/2011 relating to DPW’s timeline for issuing a Request for Proposals to study waste-to-energy.”
- 2) “All documents relating to DPW’s Request for Proposals to study waste-to-energy.”
- 3) “All active contracts between the Covanta Fairfax Facility and the District of Columbia.”
- 4) “All bids and bid evaluation documents from the most recent contract bidding for the District of Columbia’s municipal solid waste disposal.”
- 5) “All communications between DPW and employees or representatives of Prince George’s County or other political jurisdictions considered as potential partners in a regional waste-to-energy facility since 1/1/2009 regarding coordination on regional waste disposal, particularly those relating to studying the possibility of locating a waste-to-energy facility in the District.”
- 6) “All communications between DPW and employees or representatives of waste-to-energy vendors, including Covanta, since 1/1/2009.”
- 7) “All communications between DPW and employees or representatives of the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority since 1/1/2009.”
- 8) “All communications between DPW and the DC Mayor’s office regarding waste-to-energy.”
- 9) “All communications between DPW and members of DC City Council regarding waste-to-energy.”
- 10) “The study identifying the Benning Road, Fort Totten and Blue Plains sites as the most suited sites in the city for a transfer station.”

If the Department believes the records exist that are responsive to this request, but those records or portions of those records are believed to be exempt from disclosure, please identify the records that are being withheld. Please state the basis for the denial for each record being

withheld including statute, regulation or court decision. Please cite that law or case, including the specific section or sections you rely upon, in your written response. In addition, please provide the nonexempt portion of the records.

If the Department does not possess or control these records but knows or believes that another agency, or a private entity subject to the Act, does, please forward this request to the appropriate person and inform me that you have done so.

Energy Justice Network is a nonprofit public interest environmental organization that would use this information to further the public's knowledge of waste issues in the District of Columbia. An examination of the relationship between the District of Columbia and the Covanta Fairfax facility, and analysis of city waste policy is essential to the public understanding of the direction of waste management of the city and government operations. Energy Justice Network will not profit from the use of the records nor used for commercial interests. We ask the department to waive all fees in connection with this FOIA request in accordance with D.C. Code §2-532(b) since the waiver is "in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefitting the general public."

If the Department wishes to assess fees, please provide an estimate of those fees, and the basis of that estimate. If fees are to be assessed due to a complete or partial denial of this fee waiver request, I ask that no expenses beyond \$50 be incurred without first conferring with me and providing an estimate of the non-waived fees.

Pursuant to § 2-532(a-1), please provide the documents in searchable, commonly-available electronic formats, such as emails, PDF files, or Microsoft Office formats. Please provide these documents by email to mike@energyjustice.net unless they are too large to be emailed. If files are unusually large, please consult me to arrange the least-cost method for transmitting the files. I will only accept paper copies of files that cannot be made available in readable electronic formats.

Please respond within 15 business days per D.C. Code §2-532(c). Please transmit the materials to me as they become available, rather than wait for all documents to become available to dispense. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me by email at mike@energyjustice.net or by phone at 215-436-9511.

Sincerely,



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