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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Washington, D.C. 20554



August 22, 2013

Re: FOIA Control No. 2013-481

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 3, 2013 which was received by the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) FOIA Control Staff on August 7, 2013 and assigned FCC FOIA Control Number 2013-481. The FCC's time limit for responding to this request is September 10, 2013.

You originally requested "a copy of the documents and/or any other response provided to the Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change in response to their February 25, 2013 letter request to your office signed by Co-Chairs Henry A. Waxman and Sheldon Whitehouse, Edward J. Markey and Benjamin L. Cardin."

We found one document which falls under the definitions in your request. Our response consists of this lone document. We have redacted this document so as to protect information which falls under Exemption 6 (protecting against invasion of personal privacy).¹ Thus, the document no longer identifies the individual point of contact in the Federal Communications Commission's Office of Inspector General.

FOIA and FCC rules require the FCC to charge requesters for time spent searching for and reviewing responsive documents, and for copying them.² Based on your

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (6).

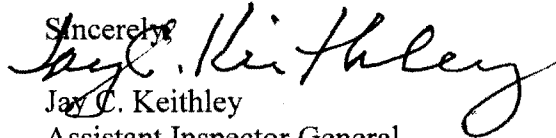
² 5 U.S.C. § 552(a) (4) (A) (i); 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(a) (3).

classification as an "all other" requester, the FCC does not charge you for the first two hours of search time and the first 100 pages of copying.³ We are thus charging you \$0.

If you have any questions in this regard, please feel free to contact Mr. Shields at christopher.shields@fcc.gov.

If you think that this response denies your FOIA request, you may file an application for review of this decision with the FCC's Office of General Counsel within 30 days.⁴ Both the application and the envelope containing it must be marked "Review of Freedom of Information Action." The application should refer to FOIA Control No. 2013-481 and should be mailed to the FCC at 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554.

Sincerely,

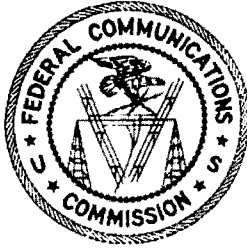


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Enclosures

³ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(a) (3).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 0.468.



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March 29, 2013

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Dear Co-Chairs Waxman, Whitehouse, Markey and Cardin:

This is in response to your February 25, 2013 letter, in which you requested the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) identify the existing requirements in legislation, regulation, executive order and other directives that apply to the FCC, assess whether the FCC is meeting those requirements, and if not, what recommendations the FCC can make for improving its own performance. You also sought an assessment of the authorities the FCC has to reduce heat-trapping pollution, to make the nation more resilient to the effects of climate change, and the most effective additional steps the FCC could take to reduce emissions or strengthen resiliency.

In order to respond to these queries, representatives from the OIG met with the Deputy Managing Director, the Associate Managing Director for Administrative Operations, and others charged with the management of various aspects of FCC property and facilities. This group made a verbal presentation on examples of FCC efforts to increase efficiency and institute "green" practices. The initiatives discussed include divestment of underutilized real property, consolidation of office space, reduction of fleet emissions, through both reduction in size of the fleet and use of hybrid vehicles, and significant reduction in the volume of paper used by the FCC. They also advised that a more complete and responsive presentation would be forthcoming in the near future. We will provide that information to the Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change as soon as possible.

Please contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] or me with any questions you or your staff may have in this matter.

David L. Hunt
Inspector General