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Via email to: [jisaac@texaspolicy.com](mailto:jisaac@texaspolicy.com)

Re: HQ-2022-00467-F

Dear Mr. Jason Isaac:

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:

Life:Powered requests records related to the the EIA's efforts to support the Nationally Determined Contribution Number developed for the 2030 emissions target. Specifically:

1. Please provide all final recommendations provided by Acting Administrator Nalley, EIA employees, or contractors communicating on behalf of EIA to any member or employee of the National Climate Task Force or contractor acting on behalf of the National Climate Task Force regarding the 2030 emissions target.
2. Please provide all final determinations provided by Acting Administrator Nalley, EIA employees, or contractors communicating on behalf of EIA to any member or employee of the National Climate Task Force r any contractor acting on behalf of the National Climate Task Force regarding the 2030 emissions target.
3. Please provide any final qualitative analysis prepared by any EIA employee or contractor acting on behalf of EIA regarding the Nationally Determined Contribution Number that was developed for the 2030 emissions target.



- a. Please provide the inputs or outputs to any model used in preparing a final qualitative analysis responsive to Request Number 3 above.
4. Please provide any final quantitative analysis prepared by any EIA employee or any contractor acting on behalf of EIA regarding the Nationally Determined Contribution Number that was developed for the 2030 emissions target.
5. Please provide any final analysis of regulatory and/or technology costs conducted by any EIA employee or contractor acting on behalf of EIA in relation to the 2030 emissions target.
6. Please provide all documents, communications, analyses and or results from running a model relating to the "whole-of- overnrm nt approach," which included "a bottom-up analysis of existing and potential policies and measures the federal level" that NDC document referenced.

Your request was assigned to DOE's Energy Information Administration (EI) to conduct a search of its files for responsive records. EI started its search on February 15, 2022, which is the cut-off date for responsive records. EI 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 EI. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. §1004.7(b)(2), I am responsible for the determination that no responsive records exist in EI

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 February 15, 2022, letter, you were advised that your request was placed in the “other” category for fee purposes. Requesters in this category are entitled to two (2) free hours of search time and are provided 100 pages at no cost. In that same letter, you were granted a fee waiver. 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 me or Mr. Rafael Santiago at:

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I appreciate the opportunity to assist you in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alexander C. Morris  
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Office of Public Information