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Re: Case No. FIA-24-0050
Request No. HQ-2024-01160-F

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

The Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy received the Freedom of Information Act Appeal you filed on September 3, 2024.

I have been assigned to review and process the Appeal. I will proceed with a preliminary review of your submission and will contact you shortly if I find that additional information is required. Please refer to the above case number in all future correspondence with the Office of Hearings and Appeals concerning this matter.

All further correspondence in this proceeding should refer to Case No. FIA-24-0050 in the "Subject" line of the message. In addition, any correspondence you send to me in this case must also be sent to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov. All material you submit must be submitted by e-mail in PDF format, protecting it with a password or Entrust encryption if appropriate. OHA cannot accept links to cloud-based file sharing systems, including Dropbox, Google Drive, etc. If you are having difficulty sending large files, please contact us at OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at telephone number 240-246-5597 or contact me by electronic mail at ben.yenerall@hq.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Yenerall".

Ben Yenerall
General Attorney
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