

**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

JS-44 (Rev. 11/2020 DC)

<p><b>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</b>                  Energy Policy Advocates                  170 S. Lincoln St., Ste. 150                  Spokane WA 99201</p> <p>(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF <u>Spokane</u>                  (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)</p> <p>(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRMNAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)                  Matthew D. Hardin                  Hardin Law Office                  1725 I Street NW, Suite 300                  Washington, DC 20006</p>	<p><b>DEFENDANTS</b>                  U.S. Department of Energy                  1000 Independence Avenue SW                  Washington DC 20585</p> <p>COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT _____                  (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)</p> <p><small>NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED</small></p> <p>ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)</p>																								
<p><b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b>                  (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in item III)</p>	<p><b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES</b> (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT) <b>FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY!</b></p> <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">PTF</th> <th style="text-align: center;">DFT</th> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">PTF</th> <th style="text-align: center;">DFT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Citizen of this State</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> 1</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> 1</td> <td>Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> 4</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of Another State</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> 2</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> 2</td> <td>Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> 5</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> 3</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> 3</td> <td>Foreign Nation</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> 6</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> 6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		PTF	DFT		PTF	DFT	Citizen of this State	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 4	Citizen of Another State	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 6
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**IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT**

(Place an X in one category, A-N, that best represents your Cause of Action and one in a corresponding Nature of Suit)

<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>A. Antitrust</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> <b>B. Personal Injury/Malpractice</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel &amp; Slander</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers Liability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 362 Medical Malpractice</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 365 Product Liability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Product Liability</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> <b>C. Administrative Agency Review</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act</p> <p><u>Social Security</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))</p> <p><u>Other Statutes</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions (If Administrative Agency is Involved)</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> <b>D. Temporary Restraining Order/Preliminary Injunction</b></p> <p>Any nature of suit from any category may be selected for this category of case assignment.</p> <p>*(If Antitrust, then A governs)*</p>				
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<p><b>Ⓒ K. Labor/ERISA (non-employment)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act  <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations  <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Labor Railway Act  <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act  <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation  <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act</p>	<p><b>Ⓒ L. Other Civil Rights (non-employment)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting (if not Voting Rights Act)  <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations  <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights  <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Americans w/Disabilities – Employment  <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Americans w/Disabilities – Other  <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education</p>	<p><b>Ⓒ M. Contract</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance  <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine  <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act  <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument  <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment &amp; Enforcement of Judgment  <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits  <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholder's Suits  <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contracts  <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability  <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise</p>	<p><b>Ⓒ N. Three-Judge Court</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 441 Civil Rights – Voting (if Voting Rights Act)</p>
<p><b>V. ORIGIN</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 Original Proceeding                   <input type="radio"/> 2 Removed from State Court                   <input type="radio"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court                   <input type="radio"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened                   <input type="radio"/> 5 Transferred from another district (specify)                   <input type="radio"/> 6 Multi-district Litigation                   <input type="radio"/> 7 Appeal to District Judge from Mag. Judge                   <input type="radio"/> 8 Multi-district Litigation – Direct File             </p>			
<p><b>VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.)</b>                  Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552 et seq.</p>			
<p><b>VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT</b></p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23      DEMAND \$ n/a      JURY DEMAND: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Check YES only if demanded in complaint</p>	
<p><b>VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY</b></p>		<p>(See instruction)      YES <input type="checkbox"/>      NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>      If yes, please complete related case form</p>	
<p>DATE: July 6, 2021</p>		<p>SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD: /s/Matthew D. Hardin</p>	

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET JS-44**  
 Authority for Civil Cover Sheet

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and services of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. Listed below are tips for completing the civil coversheet. These tips coincide with the Roman Numerals on the cover sheet.

- I. COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT (b) County of residence: Use 11001 to indicate plaintiff if resident of Washington, DC, 88888 if plaintiff is resident of United States but not Washington, DC, and 99999 if plaintiff is outside the United States.
- III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES: This section is completed only if diversity of citizenship was selected as the Basis of Jurisdiction under Section II.
- IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT: The assignment of a judge to your case will depend on the category you select that best represents the primary cause of action found in your complaint. You may select only one category. You must also select one corresponding nature of suit found under the category of the case.
- VI. CAUSE OF ACTION: Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of the primary cause.
- VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY: If you indicated that there is a related case, you must complete a related case form, which may be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

Because of the need for accurate and complete information, you should ensure the accuracy of the information provided prior to signing the form.