## CIVIL COVER SHEET

| I. (a) PLAINTIFFS   |  |  | DEFENDANTS   |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
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| Institute for Energy Research   |  |  | Federal Energy Reguatory Commission  |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
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| (A) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF D.C.                                  |  |  | COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT  |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
| (b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF D.C. (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) |  |  | (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)  NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
| (c) ATTORNEYS (FIRMNAME, ADDRES   | S, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)                             |  | ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)   |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
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| Washington, DC 20006  | •  |  |  |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
|   |  |  |  |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
| II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION   |  | II. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACEANX IN ONE BOX FOR                      |  |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
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| Defendant (I  | ndicate Citizenship of                               | ilizon ol m  | nother state 52  | _ ,,,                           | corporated a                  | rated and Principal Place 0 5 0 5 ess in Another State  |                      |            |  |  |
| Pa  | arties in item III)                                  | Citizen or Subject of a 3  |  |                                 | г вазшеза ш                   | Another State   |                      | _          |  |  |
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|   | IV. CASE ASSIGN                                      | MENT /   | ND NATURE OF   | CIUT                            |                               |   | -                    |            |  |  |
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|   | Personal Injury/                                     |  |  |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
|   | Talpractice  |  | C. Administrative 2<br>Review  | Agency                          | ٧                             | O D. Temporary Restraining Order/Preliminary Injunction |                      |            |  |  |
| 1   | inpractice   |  | Review   |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
|   | irplane  | 1:   | 51 Medicare Act  |                                 |                               | inguncuo  | 7.6                  |            |  |  |
|   | irplane Product Liability                            | Social Security  |  |                                 |                               | Any nature of suit from any category                    |                      |            |  |  |
|   | ssault, Libel & Slander                              |  | 861 HTA (1395ff) may be selected   |                                 |                               |   | for this category of |            |  |  |
|   | 330 Federal Employers Liability                      |  |  | 862 Black Lung (923)            |                               |   | case assignment.     |            |  |  |
| l   | 340 Marine Constitution 345 Marine Product Liability |  |  | 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))          |                               |   | governs)             | )*         |  |  |
| 350 Motor Vehicle   |  |  | 64 SSID Title XVI  | `                               | ()                            |   |                      |            |  |  |
| 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability   |  |  | 865 RSI (405(g))   |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
| 360 Other Personal Injury   |  |  | er Statutes 891 Agricultural Acts  |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
| 362 Medical Malpractice   |  |  | 893 Environmental Matters  |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
| 1   | 365 Product Liability 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical |  |  | 890 Other Statutory Actions (If |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
|   | ersonal Injury Product Liability                     | .  | Administrative Agency is   |                                 |                               | ·   |                      |            |  |  |
| 368 Asbestos Product Liability  |  |  | Involved)  |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
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| O E. General Civil (Other)  | OR   | C  | F. Pro Se Gene   | eral Civi                       | l                             |   |                      |            |  |  |
| Real Property   | Bankruptcy   |  | Federal Tax Suits  |                                 |                               |   |                      |            |  |  |
| 210 Land Condemnation 422 Appeal 27 USC 15  |  |  |  | r                               | 465 Other Immigration Actions |   |                      |            |  |  |
| 220 Foreclosure 423 Withdrawal 28 US  |  | 157  | defendant)   |                                 |                               | 470 Racketeer Influenced                                |                      |            |  |  |
| 230 Rent, Lease & Ejectment 240 Torts to Land Prisoner Petitions                        |  | 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609  |  | USC                             | & Corrupt Organization        |   |                      |            |  |  |
| 245 Tort Product Liability 535 Death Penalty  |  |  |  |                                 | 480 Consumer Credit           |   |                      |            |  |  |
| 290 All Other Real Property 540 Mandamus & Othe   |  |  | Forfeiture/Penalty   |                                 | _                             | 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)            |                      |            |  |  |
| 550 Civil Rights  |  |  | 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881  |                                 |                               | 490 Cable/Satellite TV                                  |                      |            |  |  |
| Personal Property 555 Prison Conditions   |  | 3*4* .   |  |                                 | <b>'</b>   <del> -</del>      | 850 Securities/Commodities/                             |                      |            |  |  |
| 370 Other Fraud 560 Civil Detainee - Cond   |  | ations   | itions   |                                 |                               | Exchange  |                      |            |  |  |
| 380 Other Personal Property   |  |  | Other Statutes   |                                 |                               | 896 Arbitration   |                      |            |  |  |
| Damage <u>Property Rights</u>   |  |  | 375 False Claims Act   |                                 |                               | 899 Administrative Procedure                            |                      |            |  |  |
| 385 Property Damage 820 Copyrights  |  |  |  | 376 Qui Tam (31 USC<br>3729(a)) |                               | Act/Review or Appeal of                                 |                      |            |  |  |
| Product Liability 830 Patent  |  | 1 NT   | 1  | e Reapportionment               |                               | Agency Decision  950 Constitutionality of State         |                      |            |  |  |
| 835 Patent – Abbrevia   |  | I INGM   | 430 Banks & Banking  |                                 |                               | Statutes  |                      |            |  |  |
| Drug Application  840 Trademark   |  |  | 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc   |                                 | es/etc                        | 890 Other Statutory Actions                             |                      |            |  |  |
|   | 880 Defend Trade Secrets                             | s Act of   | 160 Demontoria   |                                 |                               | (if not administrative agency                           |                      |            |  |  |
| 2016 (DTSA)   |  |  | 462 Naturalization   |                                 |                               | review or Privacy Act)                                  |                      |            |  |  |

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| G. Habeas Corpus/<br>2255   | O H. Employment Discrimination  | O I. FOIA/Privacy Act   | O J. Student Loan  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 530 Habeas Corpus – General 510 Motion/Vacate Sentence 463 Habeas Corpus – Alien Detainee   | 442 Civil Rights – Employment (criteria: race, gender/sex, national origin, discrimination, disability, age, religion, retaliation)  *(If pro se, select this deck)*  | 895 Freedom of Information Act     890 Other Statutory Actions     (if Privacy Act)  *(If pro se, select this deck)*  | 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (excluding veterans)            |  |  |  |  |  |
| K. Labor/ERISA (non-employment)  710 Fair Labor Standards Act 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations 740 Labor Railway Act 751 Family and Medical Leave Act 790 Other Labor Litigation 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act  | L. Other Civil Rights (non-employment)  441 Voting (if not Voting Rights Act)  443 Housing/Accommodations  440 Other Civil Rights  445 Americans w/Disabilities — Employment  446 Americans w/Disabilities — Other  448 Education | M. Contract  110 Insurance 120 Marine 130 Miller Act 140 Negotiable Instrument 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits 160 Stockholder's Suits 190 Other Contracts 195 Contract Product Liability 196 Franchise | N. Three-Judge Court  441 Civil Rights – Voting (if Voting Rights Act) |  |  |  |  |  |
| V. ORIGIN  1 Original Proceeding Proceeding Court  2 Removed from Appellate Court  3 Remanded or Reopened from another district (specify)  5 Transferred from another district (specify)  6 Multi-district 7 Appeal to District Judge from Mag. Direct File |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.) 5 USC 552, violations of Freedon of Information Act  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| VII. REQUESTED IN CHECKIF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23  DEMAND \$ Check YES only if demanded in complaint YES NO X  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| VIII. RELATED CASE(S) (See instruction)  If yes, please complete related case form  IF ANY  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DATE: July 19, 2022   | SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF REC  | GNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD /s/ Matthew D. Hardin   |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## 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 cover sheet. 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 <u>primary</u> cause of action found in your complaint. You may select only <u>one</u> category. You <u>must</u> also select <u>one</u> 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.