

## Daniel-Davis NextEra

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Tracking # DOI-OS-2022-001685

Submitted Jan. 20, 2022

Due Feb. 17, 2022

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From: Jimmy Tobias

01/20/2022

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Daniel-Davis NextEra

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Laura Daniel-Davis and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers affiliated with NextEra Energy, the renewable energy company.

This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2021.

I am a reporter for The Guardian and other outlets.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary

01/20/2022

Subject: FOIAonline Password Changed

Portal

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Thank you!

FOIAonline Team (<mailto:foia.help@epa.gov>)

From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary

01/21/2022

Subject: FOIA Request DOI-OS-2022-001685 Submitted

Portal

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\* Tracking Number: DOI-OS-2022-001685

\* Requester Name:

Jimmy Tobias

\* Date Submitted: 01/20/2022

\* Request Status: Submitted

\* Description:

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**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary**

01/24/2022

Subject: FOIA Fee Waiver Disposition Reached for DOI-OS-2022-001685

Portal

Your request for Fee Waiver for the FOIA request DOI-OS-2022-001685 has been determined to be not applicable as the request is not billable.

\* Fee Waiver Original Justification:

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\* Fee Waiver Disposition Reason:

N/A

**From: Jimmy Tobias**

05/26/2022

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOI-OS-2022-001685

Portal

Hello,

Can you please provide me with an estimated date of completion for this request, DOI-OS-2022-001685?

Thank you.

Jimmy Tobias

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**From: Jimmy Tobias** 07/27/2022

**Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOI-OS-2022-001685** Portal

I believe my original request was clear, but in case this helps your search, the email domain for NextEra Energy is @nexteraenergy.com

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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Culver NextEra

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Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

From: Bureau of Land Management

01/21/2022

Subject: FOIA Request DOI-BLM-2022-001686 Submitted

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\* Tracking Number: DOI-BLM-2022-001686

\* Requester Name:

Jimmy Tobias

\* Date Submitted: 01/20/2022

\* Request Status: Submitted

\* Description:

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**From: Jimmy Tobias**

05/26/2022

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOI-BLM-2022-001686

Portal

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Jimmy Tobias

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07/27/2022

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## Daniel-Davis Solar Projects

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Submitted	Jan. 21, 2022
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01/24/2022

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Daniel-Davis Solar Projects

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This request seeks records produced since January 1, 2021.

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Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary**

01/24/2022

Subject: FOIA Request DOI-OS-2022-001720 Submitted

Portal

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\* Tracking Number: DOI-OS-2022-001720

\* Requester Name:

Jimmy Tobias

\* Date Submitted: 01/24/2022

\* Request Status: Submitted

\* Description:

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Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

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**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary**

01/25/2022

Subject: FOIA Request - DOI-OS-2022-001720 - Ack Letter

Portal

Dear Mr. Tobias,


Please find attached the acknowledgment letter for FOIA request DOI-OS-2022-001720.

Thanks,

Cindy

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Department of the Interior  
Office of the Secretary, FOIA Office  
1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328  
Washington, D.C. 20240  
[os\\_foia@ios.doi.gov](mailto:os_foia@ios.doi.gov)  
(202) 513-0765 - phone  
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**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary**

01/25/2022

Subject: FOIA Fee Waiver Disposition Reached for DOI-OS-2022-001720

Portal

Your request for Fee Waiver for the FOIA request DOI-OS-2022-001720 has been determined to be not applicable as the request is not billable.

\* Fee Waiver Original Justification:

I am a reporter for The Guardian and other outlets.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

\* Fee Waiver Disposition Reason:

N/A

**From: Jimmy Tobias**

05/26/2022

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOI-OS-2022-001720

Portal

Hello,

Can you please provide an estimated date of completion for this request, DOI-OS-2022-001720? Thanks very much.

Sincerely,  
Jimmy Tobias

**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary**

05/26/2022

**Subject: FOIAonline Password Changed**


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United States Department of the Interior  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
7202.4-DOI-OS-2022-001720

January 24, 2022

Via email: [123851-76459801@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:123851-76459801@requests.muckrock.com)

Jimmy Tobias  
MuckRock News  
DEPT MR 123635  
411A Highland Ave  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Tobias,

The Office of the Secretary FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated January 24, 2022, on January 24, 2022 and assigned it control number **DOI-OS-2022-001720**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

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This request seeks records produced since January 1, 2021.

**Fee Category**

We have classified you as a representative of the news media. As such, we may charge you for some of our duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our search or review costs; you also are entitled to up to 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. *See 43 C.F.R. § 2.39*. If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See 43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g)*

**Agreement to Pay**

You have agreed to pay up to \$200.00 for the processing of your request. If we find that this will not cover the cost of processing your request, we will stop processing your request at the point this amount has been reached and will let you know before we incur additional charges. You can then either agree to pay the additional amount needed or narrow the scope of your request.

Mr. Jimmy Tobias

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**Fee Waiver**

You have requested a fee waiver for this request. As a “news media” requester, we believe that your fee category entitlements will result in a fee less than \$50. We do not bill requesters for FOIA processing fees when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#). Because of this, we believe your request for a fee waiver may be moot. Therefore, we do not anticipate that there will be a billable fee for the processing of this request. Should this change during the course of processing your request, and anticipate a fee being charged, we will provide a formal determination of your fee waiver request.

**Processing Track**

We use Multitrack Processing to process FOIA requests. The Simple track is for requests that would generally take one to five workdays to process. The Normal track is for requests that would generally take six to twenty workdays to process. The Complex track is for requests that would generally take twenty-one to sixty workdays to process. The Extraordinary track is for requests that would generally take more than sixty workdays to process. The Expedited track is for requests that have been granted expedited processing, which are processed as soon as practicable. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

Your request falls into the Normal processing track. See [43 C.F.R. §§ 2.14, .15](#)

**Format of Records**

You have asked for copies of agency records. According to our regulations, you may choose the format of disclosure for such records. Unless you specify otherwise, the Office of the Secretary will provide copies of responsive records electronically via email or CD-ROM as scanned PDF images when the responsive records exceed 50 pages.

**10-Workday Extension**

Because we will need to search for and collect requested records from field facilities or other units that are separate from the office processing the request, we are taking a 10-workday extension under [43 C.F.R. § 2.19](#).

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation.

Mr. Jimmy Tobias

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You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Web: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Fax: 202-741-5769  
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you have any questions about this letter extending the due date, you may contact us by phone at 202- 513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by email at [os\\_foia@ios.doi.gov](mailto:os_foia@ios.doi.gov) , or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328, Washington, D.C. 20240. Contact information for the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, who you may also seek dispute resolution services from, is available at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters>.

Sincerely,  
**CYNTHIA  
SWEENEY**

Cynthia Sweeney  
Office of the Secretary  
FOIA Office

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## Culver Solar Projects

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Submitted	Jan. 21, 2022
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01/24/2022

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Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

**From: Bureau of Land Management**

01/24/2022

Subject: FOIA Request DOI-BLM-2022-001721 Submitted

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\* Tracking Number: DOI-BLM-2022-001721

\* Requester Name:

Jimmy Tobias

\* Date Submitted: 01/24/2022

\* Request Status: Submitted

\* Description:

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**From: Jimmy Tobias** 05/26/2022

**Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOI-BLM-2022-001721**

Portal

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Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

**From: Bureau of Land Management** 05/26/2022

**Subject: FOIAonline Password Changed**

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# Beaudreau Solar Industry Assoc

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Due	April 29, 2022
Est. Completion	None

STATUS

**Awaiting Response**

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**From: Jimmy Tobias**

04/03/2022

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Beaudreau Solar Industry Assoc

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between DepSec Tommy Beaudreau and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agents affiliated with the American Clean Power Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association. This includes any communications between Beaudreau and Katharine MacGregor, the former Interior DepSec and now a lobbyist. This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2021.

I am a reporter for The Nation magazine

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Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary**

04/04/2022

Subject: FOIA Request DOI-OS-2022-002961 Submitted

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- \* Tracking Number: DOI-OS-2022-002961
- \* Requester Name: Jimmy Tobias
- \* Date Submitted: 04/03/2022
- \* Request Status: Submitted
- \* Description:

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between DepSec Tommy Beaudreau and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agents affiliated with the American Clean Power Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association. This includes any

communications between Beaudreau and Katharine MacGregor, the former Interior DepSec and now a lobbyist. This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2021.

I am a reporter for The Nation magazine

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

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**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary**

04/06/2022

**Subject: FOIA Fee Waiver Disposition Reached for DOI-OS-2022-002961**

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Your request for Fee Waiver for the FOIA request DOI-OS-2022-002961 has been determined to be not applicable as the request is not billable.

\* Fee Waiver Original Justification:

I am a reporter for The Nation magazine

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\* Fee Waiver Disposition Reason:

N/A

**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary**

04/06/2022

**Subject: DOI-OS-2022-002961 Acknowledgement Letter**

Portal

Dear Mr. Tobias,

The Office of the Secretary FOIA office received your three Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, all dated April 3, 2022, on April 4, 2022, and assigned them control numbers DOI-OS-2022-002961, DOI-OS-2022-002962 and DOI-OS-2022-002963. We have aggregated DOI-OS-2022-002962 and DOI-OS-2022-002963 into DOI-OS-2022-002961. Therefore, we will be closing DOI-OS-2022-002962 and DOI-OS-2022-002963. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

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Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Senior Counselor Janea Scott and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agents affiliated with the American Clean Power Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association. This includes any communications between Scott and Katharine MacGregor, the former Interior DepSec and now a lobbyist.

Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Laura Daniel-Davis and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agents affiliated with the American Clean Power Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association. This includes any communications between DanielDavis and Katharine MacGregor, the former Interior DepSec and now a lobbyist.

Please refer to the attached acknowledgement letter.

Sincerely,

Tracy Jolivet

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**From: Jimmy Tobias** 05/26/2022

**Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOI-OS-2022-002961** Portal

Hello,

Can you please provide an estimated date of completion for this request, DOI-OS-2022-002961?

Thank you.

Jimmy Tobias

**From: Jimmy Tobias** 07/27/2022

**Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOI-OS-2022-002961** Portal

I believe my original request was clear, but in case this helps your search, the email domain for ACPA is @cleanpower.org and the email domain for SEIA is @seia.org

**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary** 07/27/2022

**Subject: FOIAonline Password Changed** Portal

Dear Jimmy Tobias <requests@muckrock.com>,


Your password has been updated per your request. You can change your password in the future from your profile page.

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FOIAonline Team (mailto:foiaonline@cnservicedesk.net)

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# Janea Scott Solar Industry Assoc

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Tracking #	DOI-OS-2022-002962
Submitted	April 1, 2022
Due	April 29, 2022
Est. Completion	None

STATUS

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**From: Jimmy Tobias** 04/03/2022

**Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Janea Scott Solar Industry Assoc** Portal

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I am a reporter for The Nation magazine

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Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary** 04/04/2022

**Subject: FOIA Request DOI-OS-2022-002962 Submitted** Portal

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- \* Tracking Number: DOI-OS-2022-002962
- \* Requester Name: Jimmy Tobias
- \* Date Submitted: 04/03/2022
- \* Request Status: Submitted
- \* Description: To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

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Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

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**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary** 04/06/2022

**Subject: FOIA Fee Waiver Disposition Reached for DOI-OS-2022-002962** Portal

Your request for Fee Waiver for the FOIA request DOI-OS-2022-002962 has been determined to be not applicable as the request is not billable.

\* Fee Waiver Original Justification:  
I am a reporter for The Nation magazine

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

\* Fee Waiver Disposition Reason:  
N/A

**From: Jimmy Tobias** 05/26/2022

**Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOI-OS-2022-002962** Portal

Hello,

Could you please provide an estimated completion date for this request, DOI-OS-2022-002962?

Thank you.

Jimmy Tobias

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# Daniel-Davis Solar Energy Assoc

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Due	April 29, 2022
Est. Completion	None

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**From: Jimmy Tobias**

04/03/2022

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Daniel-Davis Solar Energy Assoc

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary**

04/04/2022

Subject: FOIA Request DOI-OS-2022-002963 Submitted

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- \* Tracking Number: DOI-OS-2022-002963
- \* Requester Name: Jimmy Tobias
- \* Date Submitted: 04/03/2022
- \* Request Status: Submitted
- \* Description:

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**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary**

04/06/2022

**Subject: FOIA Fee Waiver Disposition Reached for DOI-OS-2022-002963**

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N/A

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05/26/2022

**Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOI-OS-2022-002963**

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Jimmy Tobias

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## United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
7202.4-DOI-OS-2022-002961

April 4, 2022

Via email: [127032-61989764@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:127032-61989764@requests.muckrock.com)

Jimmy Tobias  
MuckRock News  
DEPT MR 125040  
411A Highland Ave  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Tobias,

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**Fee Category**

We have classified you as a representative of the news media. As such, we may charge you for some of our duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our search or review costs; you also are entitled to up to 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. *See* [43 C.F.R. § 2.39](#). If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#)

**Agreement to Pay**

You have agreed to pay up to \$200.00 for the processing of your request. If we find that this will not cover the cost of processing your request, we will stop processing your request at the point this amount has been reached and will let you know before we incur additional charges. You can then either agree to pay the additional amount needed or narrow the scope of your request.

**Fee Waiver**

You have requested a fee waiver for this request. As a “news media” requester, we believe that your fee category entitlements will result in a fee less than \$50. We do not bill requesters for FOIA processing fees when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#). Because of this, we believe your request for a fee waiver may be moot. Therefore, we do not anticipate that there will be a billable fee for the processing of this request. Should this change during the course of processing your request, and anticipate a fee being charged, we will provide a formal determination of your fee waiver request.

**Processing Track**

We use Multitrack Processing to process FOIA requests. The Simple track is for requests that would generally take one to five workdays to process. The Normal track is for requests that would generally take six to twenty workdays to process. The Complex track is for requests that would generally take twenty-one to sixty workdays to process. The Extraordinary track is for requests that would generally take more than sixty workdays to process. The Expedited track is for requests that have been granted expedited processing, which are processed as soon as practicable. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

Your request falls into the Normal processing track. *See* [43 C.F.R. §§ 2.14, .15](#)

**Format of Records**

You have asked for copies of agency records. According to our regulations, you may choose the format of disclosure for such records. Unless you specify otherwise, the Office of the Secretary will provide copies of responsive records electronically via email or CD-ROM as scanned PDF images when the responsive records exceed 50 pages.



Mr. Jimmy Tobias

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**10-Workday Extension**

Because we will need to search for and collect requested records from field facilities or other units that are separate from the office processing the request, we are taking a 10-workday extension under [43 C.F.R. § 2.19](#).

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
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College Park, MD 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Web: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Fax: 202-741-5769  
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

If you have any questions about this letter extending the due date, you may contact us by phone at 202- 513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by email at [os\\_foia@ios.doi.gov](mailto:os_foia@ios.doi.gov), or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328, Washington, D.C. 20240. Contact information for the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, who you may also seek dispute resolution services from, is available at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters>.

Sincerely,

**CYNTHIA  
SWEENEY**

Cynthia Sweeney  
Office of the Secretary  
FOIA Office

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CYNTHIA SWEENEY  
Date: 2022.04.05  
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# BLM NextEra Investigations

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Tracking #	DOI-BLM-2022-002960
Submitted	April 1, 2022
Due	April 29, 2022
Est. Completion	None

STATUS

**Awaiting Response**

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**From: Jimmy Tobias** 04/03/2022

**Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: BLM NextEra Investigations** Portal

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

All documents, records, memos, reports and correspondence related to any and all investigations conducted by BLM into NextEra Energy Resources LLC or its subsidiaries. See attached document for information about at least one investigation initiated by BLM into NextEra, the records related to which I hope to obtain. This request seeks records produced since January 2019.

I am a reporter for The Guardian and The Nation.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

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**From: Bureau of Land Management** 04/04/2022

**Subject: FOIA Request DOI-BLM-2022-002960 Submitted** Portal

This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: View Request. Request information is as follows: (<https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/submissionDetails?trackingNumber=DOI-BLM-2022-002960&type=request>)

\* Tracking Number: DOI-BLM-2022-002960

\* Requester Name:

Jimmy Tobias

\* Date Submitted: 04/03/2022

\* Request Status: Submitted

\* Description:

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

All documents, records, memos, reports and correspondence related to any and all investigations conducted

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Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

Attachments:

[https://cdn.muckrock.com/outbound\\_composer\\_attachments/jtoby87%40gmail.com/107243/Screen\\_Shot\\_2022-04-01\\_at\\_10.48.55\\_AM.png](https://cdn.muckrock.com/outbound_composer_attachments/jtoby87%40gmail.com/107243/Screen_Shot_2022-04-01_at_10.48.55_AM.png)

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**From: Jimmy Tobias**

05/26/2022

**Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOI-BLM-2022-002960**

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Jimmy Tobias

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**Ticket No:** 14593 **Submit Date:** Feb 10 2021 7:58PM

**Requestor:** (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) (phone # (b) (7)(C)) **Report By:** (b) (7)(C)

**Category:** Enter a complaint **Request Need By:**  
This Category for group(s): 'IMU','Operations'

**Brief Description:** On February 10, 2021, EIU received a (b) (5) call from (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) reported that NextEra Energy Resources LLC (NextEra) - 700 Universe Blvd, Juno Beach, FL 33408 may be submitting false claims related to solar energy projects in Southern California, to include: (b) (4) - (b) (4). NextEra is operating projects on public land and is responsible for paying a MW capacity fee based off of the MW capacity at project approval based on agreements with BLM. It is alleged that because the MW capacity for the projects have not been updated or reviewed that the actual MW capacity may be higher than at project start-up which would require an increase in the MW capacity fee to the government (b) (5) is requesting (b) (5) and to (b) (5).  
Please vet complaint to EIU.

**Attach File(s):** [BLM Opening Investigative Plan MOA \(b\) \(7\)\(C\)](#)

**Assign To:** (b) (7)(C) **Status:** Open

**Due Date:** 02/16/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy) **CMS No.:**

**Forward this ticket to other Helpdesk:** -- Other Helpdesk -- (Ticket will be closed if forward this ticket to other Helpdesk)

**Message to User:**

**Resolution:**

If you want to close this ticket, please change the Status to Close.

# OIG Solar Complaints

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Jimmy Tobias filed this request with the [U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Inspector General of the United States of America.](#)

Tracking #	OIG-2022-00144
Submitted	April 26, 2022
Due	May 24, 2022
Est. Completion	None

STATUS

**Awaiting Response**

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**From: Jimmy Tobias** 05/05/2022

**Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: OIG Solar Complaints** Email

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

All documents, investigative notes, reports, emails, email attachments, and other materials related to Complaint 21-337, Complaint 21-338, and Complaint 21-339 and as well as any investigations, probes or other actions taken in response to these complaints.

I am a reporter with The Guardian, The nation and other outlets.

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Sincerely,  
Jimmy Tobias

**From: U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Inspector General** 05/13/2022

**Subject: FOIA Acknowledgement Letter, OIG-2022-00144** Email

Good Afternoon

Please see the attached Acknowledgement letter for your FOIA request with our office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you  
Cristal J. Gorham

OIG FOIA OFFICE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR | OIG  
[FOIA@DOIOIG.GOV](mailto:FOIA@DOIOIG.GOV)<mailto:FOIA@DOIOIG.GOV>

Tobias Acknowledgement Letter, OIG-2022-00144  
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**From: Jimmy Tobias** 05/25/2022

**Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #OIG-2022-00144** Email

Hello,

Could you please provide the estimated completion date for this request, OIG-2022-00144?

Thank you.

Jimmy Tobias

**From: Muckrock Staff**

06/24/2022

**Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #OIG-2022-00144**

Email

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**VIA EMAIL**

May 13, 2022

Jimmy Tobias  
MuckRock News  
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Re: OIG-2022-00144

Dear Jimmy Tobias:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 8, 2022, which was received by our office on the same date. You requested the following information under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552: All documents, investigative notes, reports, emails, email attachments, and other materials related to Complaint 21-337, Complaint 21-338, and Complaint 21-339 and as well as any investigations, probes or other actions taken in response to these complaints.

Your request has been assigned FOIA Control Number OIG-2022-00144. Please refer to this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

Under 43 C.F.R. § 2.15, the OIG is required to categorize each FOIA request based on the amount of time needed to process it. The five categories are: 1) Simple (1 -5 workdays); 2) Normal (6-20 workdays); 3) Complex (21-60 workdays); 4) Extraordinary (60+ workdays); and 5) Expedited (requests that have been granted expedited processing). Within each track, requests are processed on a first-in, first-out basis. Your request has been placed in the complex track. Please note that the OIG has a backlog of requests. Please be assured, however, that your request is being handled as equitably as possible and that all documents that can be released will be made available at the earliest date possible.

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U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(iv)(I); *see also Uniform Freedom of Information Act Fee Schedule and Guidelines*, 52 Fed. Reg. 10,012, 10018 (Mar. 27, 1987).

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The following chart is an estimate of the fees for processing your request. Calculated as follows:

Search - 1 Hour Professional Employee @ \$12.00 per Quarter Hour = \$48.00 (1 <sup>st</sup> 2 hours free)	
Duplication – 0 Pages @ \$0.15 per page	= \$0 (1 <sup>st</sup> 100 pages free)
<b>Total</b>	<b>= \$48.00</b>

If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g).

You may modify or narrow the scope of your request to reduce the estimated fees, obtain quicker processing in your currently assigned track or move the request into a faster track (which may have the effect of reducing the cost of processing your request). If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

Should you have any questions or need to contact us, I can be reached at 202-219-2069, and the email is [foia@doioig.gov](mailto:foia@doioig.gov).

Sincerely,



Cristal J. Gorham  
Government Information Specialist

## Estimate Date of Completion

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From Jimmy Tobias <jimmytobias@protonmail.com>

To foia@doioig.gov

Date Thursday, August 25th, 2022 at 11:46 AM

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Hello,

am writing to ask the estimated date of completion for the following FOIA request: OIG-2022-00144?

Please let me know. Thank you.

Jimmy Tobias

Jimmy Tobias

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Website: [www.jimmytobias.com](http://www.jimmytobias.com)

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**Fw: Estimate Date of Completion**

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----- Original Message -----

On Tuesday, August 30th, 2022 at 12:28 PM, FOIA, OIG <[FOIA@doioig.gov](mailto:FOIA@doioig.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

This email is in response to your inquiring about the status of your request. Thank you for your patience with our processing of your request. Currently, our office continues to work under a backlog of FOIA requests.

Your request is on our normal track and there are several requests ahead of you on this track. Please be assured, however, that your request is being handled as equitably as possible, and that all documents that can be released will be made available to you at the earliest date possible.

Respectfully,

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