

Exhibit 4

Kevin Schmidt

From: Kevin Schmidt
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 3:03 PM
To: Hydle, Lars (CONTR)
Cc: Ablakwa, Charlita (CONTR)
Subject: RE: DOE FOIA HQ-2023-00209-F

Both of those items (custodians and date range) work for me. Thank you.

From: Hydle, Lars (CONTR) <lars.hydle@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 2:54 PM
To: Kevin Schmidt <KSchmidt@afphq.org>
Cc: Ablakwa, Charlita (CONTR) <charlita.ablakwa@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: DOE FOIA HQ-2023-00209-F

Hi Mr. Schmidt,

Just a couple final details on your search. We would like you to confirm that we will add the two individuals Douglas MacIntyre and Thomas McGarry that you had initially placed on your request with SPR onto request HQ-2023-00209-F's search. DOE headquarters will do the search and response for those two additional Custodians based on the same search terms. We would also like to confirm that we can use the date of your request as the end of the date range for the searches, November 17, 2022.

Please confirm these items and we will move forward with the email search while we wait for your decision on waiving the non email parts of your request.

From: Kevin Schmidt <KSchmidt@afphq.org>
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 2:32 PM
To: Ablakwa, Charlita (CONTR) <charlita.ablakwa@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Hydle, Lars (CONTR) <lars.hydle@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOE FOIA HQ-2023-00209-F

Thanks for calling to discuss the FOIA request. As I mentioned, I would appreciate it if the search were sent to legal review for e-mails and calendar items as soon as possible. I will be narrowing our request for other forms of communications in the near future.

From: Ablakwa, Charlita (CONTR) <charlita.ablakwa@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 11:22 AM
To: Kevin Schmidt <KSchmidt@afphq.org>
Cc: Hydle, Lars (CONTR) <lars.hydle@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: DOE FOIA HQ-2023-00209-F

Good Morning,

I am available at 2pm today. Does that work for you? We will send you a Teams meeting invite.

Thanks,

Charlita

From: Kevin Schmidt <KSchmidt@afphq.org>
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 10:24 AM
To: Ablakwa, Charlita (CONTR) <charlita.ablakwa@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Hydle, Lars (CONTR) <lars.hydle@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOE FOIA HQ-2023-00209-F

Thanks for reaching out. I'm widely available today beginning around 11:15 AM ET.

From: Ablakwa, Charlita (CONTR) <charlita.ablakwa@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 10:13 AM
To: Kevin Schmidt <KSchmidt@afphq.org>
Cc: Hydle, Lars (CONTR) <lars.hydle@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: DOE FOIA HQ-2023-00209-F

Good Morning,

I am the analyst assigned to your request for email correspondence with DOE officials regarding the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the Jones Act and OPEC. Do you have a few minutes for a phone call? I can make myself available whenever its convenient for you. Please let me know a good time.

Thank you,

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