

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-03723-CJN**

INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH v. UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

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Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/14/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9733394) filed by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons to Defendant, # <u>3</u> Summons to US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons to US Attorney)(Hardin, Matthew) (Entered: 12/14/2022)
12/14/2022	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher Cochran Horner on behalf of INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 12/14/2022)
12/14/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zljn) (Entered: 12/14/2022)
12/14/2022	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zljn) (Entered: 12/14/2022)

12/15/2022	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 15, 2022. (lccjn1) (Entered: 12/15/2022)
01/13/2023	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.(Moustakas, John) (Entered: 01/13/2023)
01/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are a Complaint and an Answer. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 16.3, the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) are inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before February 20, 2023. The Joint Status Report shall address: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated dates for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); (5) the possibility of prioritizing documents responsive to Plaintiff's request and any discussions regarding whether Plaintiff's request can be narrowed; and (6) whether the Parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 20, 2023. (lccjn1) (Entered: 01/20/2023)
01/20/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/20/2023. (zcam) (Entered: 01/20/2023)
02/21/2023	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Status Report and alternative</i> , MOTION for Leave to File <i>Plaintiff's Status Report</i> by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Supplement Plaintiff's Status Report)(Hardin, Matthew) (Entered: 02/21/2023)
02/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of Plaintiff's <u>6</u> Motion for Extension of Time, it is ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report as described by the Court's January 20, 2023 Minute Order on or before February 28, 2023. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on February 21, 2023. (lccjn1) (Entered: 02/21/2023)
02/28/2023	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A (FOIA request), # <u>2</u> Exhibit B (correspondence))(Hardin, Matthew) (Entered: 02/28/2023)
03/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file, by April 28, 2023, an additional joint status report, including a proposal for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on March 7, 2023. (lccjn1) (Entered: 03/07/2023)
04/28/2023	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Voluntary Dismissal by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Moustakas, John) (Entered: 04/28/2023)