U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00842-CJN

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY v. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

AGENCY et al

Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/30/2022 Date Terminated: 05/20/2024

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY represented by Peter T. Jenkins

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

– PEER

962 Wayne Avenue

Suite 610

Silver Spring, MD 20910

 $(202)\ 265-4189$

Email: pjenkins@peer.org
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

V.

Defendant

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

represented by L'Shauntee J. Robertson

DOJ-USAO 601 D Street NW Suite 7.731

Washington, DC 20530

(202) 252–1729 Far: (202) 252–2

Fax: (202) 252–2599

Email: lshauntee.robertson@usdoj.gov

LEAD ATTORNEY

ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

Dedra Seibel Curteman

DOJ-USAO

US Attorney's Office, Civil Division

601 D Street, NW Washington, DC 20530 (2020 252–2550

Email: <u>dedra.curteman@usdoj.gov</u> *TERMINATED: 12/09/2022*

| Date Filed | # | Docket Text |
|------------|---|---|
| 03/30/2022 | 1 | COMPLAINT against ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9139377) filed by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. (Attachments: #1 Civil Cover Sheet Cover Sheet, #2 Summons Summons for Agency, #3 Summons Summons for US AG, #4 Summons Summons for US Att DC)(Jenkins, Peter) (Entered: 03/30/2022) |
| 03/30/2022 | 2 | LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY (Jenkins, Peter) (Entered: 03/30/2022) |
| 04/01/2022 | | Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zmh) (Entered: 04/01/2022) |

| 04/01/2022 | <u>3</u> | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # 1 Notice and Consent)(zmh) (Entered: 04/01/2022) |
|------------|-----------|---|
| 06/06/2022 | <u>4</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Dedra Seibel Curteman on behalf of All Defendants (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 06/06/2022) |
| 06/06/2022 | <u>5</u> | ANSWER to Complaint by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 06/06/2022) |
| 06/21/2022 | <u>6</u> | STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 21, 2022. (lccjn1) (Entered: 06/21/2022) |
| 06/21/2022 | | 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 June 27, 2022. 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 June 21, 2022. (lccjn1) (Entered: 06/21/2022) |
| 06/27/2022 | 7 | Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 06/27/2022) |
| 07/06/2022 | | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the 7 Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file, by September 26, 2022, an additional joint status report, including a proposal for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on July 6, 2022. (lccjn1) (Entered: 07/06/2022) |
| 09/26/2022 | <u>8</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 09/26/2022) |
| 10/04/2022 | | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file an additional joint status report by December 27, 2022, and every 60 days thereafter until either party moves for a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, files a dispositive motion, or the case is terminated. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 4, 2022. (lccjn1) (Entered: 10/04/2022) |
| 10/04/2022 | | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/27/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 10/05/2022) |
| 12/09/2022 | 9 | NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Lshauntee J. Robertson on behalf of ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Substituting for attorney Dedra Curteman (Robertson, Lshauntee) (Entered: 12/09/2022) |
| 12/27/2022 | <u>10</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Robertson, Lshauntee) (Entered: 12/27/2022) |
| 02/23/2023 | <u>11</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 02/23/2023) |
| 05/05/2023 | | MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the 11 Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall submit their next joint status report by May 26, 2023. It is further ORDERED that subsequent joint status reports shall continue to be submitted at 60–day intervals in accordance with the Court's October 4, 2022 Minute Order. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on May 5, 2023. (lccjn1) (Entered: 05/05/2023) |
| 05/26/2023 | <u>12</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 05/26/2023) |
| 06/01/2023 | | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall continue to submit subsequent joint status reports at 60–day intervals in accordance with the Court's October 4, 2022 Minute Order and the Court's |

| | | May 5, 2023 Minute Order. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 1, 2023. (lccjn1) (Entered: 06/01/2023) |
|------------|-----------|---|
| 07/26/2023 | <u>13</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 07/26/2023) |
| 07/27/2023 | | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the 13 Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall continue to submit subsequent joint status reports at 60–day intervals in accordance with the Court's October 4, 2022, May 5, 2023, and June 1, 2023 Minute Orders. The Court will not entertain further requests for less frequent reporting absent a showing of specific circumstances warranting a change to the reporting schedule. The Parties shall abide by the 60–day reporting schedule absent further order of the Court. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on July 27, 2023. (lccjn1) (Entered: 07/27/2023) |
| 09/25/2023 | <u>14</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 09/25/2023) |
| 11/24/2023 | <u>15</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 11/24/2023) |
| 01/25/2024 | <u>16</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 01/25/2024) |
| 03/25/2024 | <u>17</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 03/25/2024) |
| 04/25/2024 | <u>18</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 04/25/2024) |
| 05/15/2024 | <u>19</u> | STIPULATION of Dismissal by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 05/15/2024) |