

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-01498-JEB**

FUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Assigned to: Chief Judge James E. Boasberg
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/24/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

**FUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENT
INITIATIVE**

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V.

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/24/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10093309) filed by FUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons DOE Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons AG Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons US Atty Summons, # <u>5</u> Supplement Exhibit List, # <u>6</u> Exhibit Ex. 1, # <u>7</u> Exhibit Ex. 2, # <u>8</u> Exhibit Ex. 3, # <u>9</u> Exhibit Ex. 4)(Bartkowski, Paul) (Entered: 05/24/2023)
05/25/2023		Case Assigned to Chief Judge James E. Boasberg. (zsl) (Entered: 05/25/2023)
05/25/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsl) (Entered: 05/25/2023)
07/20/2023	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Fithawi Berhane on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 07/20/2023)
07/20/2023	<u>4</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.(Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 07/20/2023)
07/21/2023	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/20/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/20/2023. (Bartkowski, Paul) (Entered: 07/21/2023)
07/21/2023	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 06/21/2023. (Bartkowski, Paul); Modified text on 7/21/2023 (zthh). (Entered: 07/21/2023)

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07/21/2023	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY served on 6/21/2023 (Bartkowski, Paul) (Entered: 07/21/2023)
07/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall confer and submit a joint proposed briefing schedule by August 4, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 07/21/2023. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 07/21/2023)
07/21/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/4/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 07/23/2023)
08/04/2023	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 08/04/2023)
08/04/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by October 4, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 8/4/2023. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 08/04/2023)
08/04/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/4/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 08/07/2023)
10/04/2023	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 10/04/2023)
10/04/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by December 5, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/4/2023. (lcjeb4) (Entered: 10/04/2023)
10/04/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 12/5/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 10/04/2023)
12/05/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 12/05/2023)
12/06/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by February 5, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/6/2023. (lcjeb4) (Entered: 12/06/2023)
12/06/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/5/2024. (nbn) (Entered: 12/06/2023)
02/05/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 02/05/2024)
02/06/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by April 5, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 2/6/2024. (lcjeb4) (Entered: 02/06/2024)
02/06/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/5/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 02/06/2024)
04/05/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 04/05/2024)
04/15/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by June 11, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 4/15/2024. (lcjeb4) (Entered: 04/15/2024)
04/15/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/11/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 04/15/2024)
06/14/2024	<u>13</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by FUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE (Bartkowski, Paul) (Entered: 06/14/2024)

06/14/2024	<u>14</u>	NOTICE re <u>13</u> LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests. (Bartkowski, Paul) Modified event on 6/17/2024 (znmw). (Entered: 06/14/2024)
06/28/2024		MINUTE ORDER: As the parties have failed to timely file their latest Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that they shall do so by July 2, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/28/2024. (lcjeb4) (Entered: 06/28/2024)
06/28/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/2/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 06/28/2024)
07/03/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 07/03/2024)
07/03/2024		The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by September 3, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/3/2024. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 07/03/2024)
07/03/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/3/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 07/05/2024)
09/03/2024	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 09/03/2024)
09/03/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that Plaintiff shall file a further status report by October 2, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on September 3, 2024. (lcjeb4) (Entered: 09/03/2024)
09/03/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/2/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 09/03/2024)