U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00173-APM

ENERGY AND POLICY INSTITUTE v. DEPARTMENT OF

COMMERCE

Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/19/2024 Date Terminated: 09/04/2024

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

ENERGY AND POLICY INSTITUTE represented by **Zehava Robbins**

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Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/19/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10631111) filed by ENERGY AND POLICY INSTITUTE. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons DOC Summons, # 3 Summons AGO Summons, # 4 Summons USAO Summons)(Robbins, Zehava) (Entered: 01/19/2024)
01/19/2024	2	MOTION for Permission to Use Post Office Box by ENERGY AND POLICY INSTITUTE. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum in Support Memorandum in Support of Motion to Use PO Box)(Robbins, Zehava) (Entered: 01/19/2024)
01/19/2024	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by ENERGY AND POLICY INSTITUTE (Robbins, Zehava) (Entered: 01/19/2024)
01/19/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zrtw) (Entered: 01/19/2024)
01/19/2024	4	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 01/19/2024)
02/28/2024	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.(Escher, Sam) (Entered: 02/28/2024)
02/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiff's <u>2</u> Motion for Permission to Use Post Office Box as Plaintiff's Address. Plaintiff may use a PO Box as its address on its Complaint. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/29/24. (lcapm2) (Entered: 02/29/2024)

02/29/2024	<u>6</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before March 13, 2024. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/29/24. (lcapm2) (Entered: 02/29/2024)
03/01/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/13/2024. (hmc) (Entered: 03/01/2024)
03/13/2024	7	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Escher, Sam) (Entered: 03/13/2024)
03/14/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before April 17, 2024, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/14/24. (lcapm2) (Entered: 03/14/2024)
03/14/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/17/2024. (smc) (Entered: 03/14/2024)
04/17/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Escher, Sam) (Entered: 04/17/2024)
04/18/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file another Joint Status Report by July 10, 2024, which advises whether any dispute remains as to fees and costs and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/18/24. (lcapm2) (Entered: 04/18/2024)
04/18/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/10/2024 (zglw) (Entered: 04/18/2024)
07/10/2024	9	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Escher, Sam) (Entered: 07/10/2024)
07/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file another Joint Status Report by August 8, 2024, which advises whether any dispute remains as to fees and costs and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 7/11/24. (lcapm2) (Entered: 07/11/2024)
07/15/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/8/2024 (zakb) (Entered: 07/15/2024)
08/08/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Escher, Sam) (Entered: 08/08/2024)
08/10/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file another Joint Status Report by October 9, 2024, which updates the court on the status of settlement, unless a stipulation of dismissal is filed on or before that date. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 8/10/2024. (lcapm2) (Entered: 08/10/2024)
08/13/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/9/2024 (zakb) (Entered: 08/13/2024)
09/03/2024	<u>11</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Escher, Sam) (Entered: 09/03/2024)