## **U.S. District Court** District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00684-RC

POWER THE FUTURE v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras Related Case: 1:24-cv-00346-RC

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/09/2024 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

**Information Act** 

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

## **Plaintiff**

POWER THE FUTURE

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V.

## **Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/09/2024	1	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10744588) filed by POWER THE FUTURE. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons Proposed to AG, USAO, and Agency Counsel)(Hardin, Matthew) (Entered: 03/09/2024)
03/09/2024	2	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by POWER THE FUTURE. Case related to Case No. 1:24–cv–00346. (Hardin, Matthew) (Entered: 03/09/2024)
03/09/2024	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher Cochran Horner on behalf of POWER THE FUTURE (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 03/09/2024)
03/11/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (znmw) (Entered: 03/11/2024)
03/11/2024	4	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Entered: 03/11/2024)

04/02/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Bradley Silverman on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 04/02/2024)
04/11/2024	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 04/11/2024)
04/12/2024		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing schedule by April 26, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4–12–2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/12/2024)
04/26/2024	7	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
04/26/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' 7 Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that this case is consolidated with <i>Power the Future v. United States Department of State</i> , 24–cv–346. The parties shall make all future filings only in this case, and the Clerk of the Court is directed to close <i>Power the Future v. United States Department of State</i> , 24–cv–346. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the previous briefing schedule from 24–cv–346 is VACATED, and ORDERED that the following briefing schedule for the issues that arose in both cases shall apply: Defendant shall file a motion for summary judgment on June 12, 2024; Plaintiff shall file an opposition and cross–motion for summary judgment on June 28, 2024; Defendant shall file a reply and cross–response on July 19, 2024; Plaintiff shall file a cross–reply on August 9, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4–26–2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
06/12/2024	<u>8</u>	MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction , MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum in Support, # 2 Statement of Facts, # 3 Biniaz Decl., # 4 Weetman Decl., # 5 Text of Proposed Order)(Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 06/12/2024)
06/25/2024	9	Consent MOTION to Amend/Correct <i>Briefing Schedule</i> by POWER THE FUTURE. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Hardin, Matthew) (Entered: 06/25/2024)
06/25/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting 2 Consent Motion to Amend/Correct Briefing Schedule: It is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff's opposition to 8 the motion for summary judgment and motion to dismiss, and any cross—motion, shall be filed on or before June 28, 2024; Defendant's reply shall be filed on or before July 5, 2024; Plaintiff's reply, if a cross—motion is filed, shall be filed on or before July 12, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/25/2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 06/25/2024)
06/28/2024	<u>10</u>	ENTERED IN ERRORRESPONSE re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by POWER THE FUTURE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit of Matthew Hardin, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A (FOIA release), # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts)(Hardin, Matthew) Modified on 7/1/2024 (znmw). (Entered: 06/28/2024)
07/01/2024		NOTICE OF ERROR regarding 10 Response to motion,. The following error(s) need correction: Incorrect case number. Please refile. (znmw) (Entered: 07/01/2024)
07/01/2024	<u>11</u>	RESPONSE re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction MOTION for Summary Judgment ( <i>Corrected per Notice of Error</i> ) filed by POWER THE FUTURE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Matthew Hardin, # <u>3</u> Exhibit A (FOIA release))(Hardin, Matthew) (Entered: 07/01/2024)
07/01/2024	12	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Reply</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 07/01/2024)
07/12/2024	<u>13</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Supp. Biniaz Decl.)(Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 07/12/2024)
07/19/2024	<u>14</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR MOTION for Leave to File <i>Sur-Reply</i> by POWER THE FUTURE. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A (FOIA release before briefing began), # 2 Exhibit B (most recent FOIA release, after opposition brief was filed), # 3 Supplement Proposed Sur-Reply)(Hardin, Matthew) Modified on 7/22/2024 (znmw). (Entered: 07/19/2024)

07/22/2024		NOTICE OF ERROR regarding <u>14</u> MOTION for Leave to File <i>Sur-Reply</i> . The following error(s) need correction: Incorrect case number on both motion and surreply. Please refile. (znmw) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
07/22/2024	<u>15</u>	MOTION for Leave to File ( <i>Corrected per Notice of Error</i> 7/22/24) by POWER THE FUTURE. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A (FOIA release before briefing began), # 2 Exhibit B (most recent FOIA release, after opposition brief was filed), # 3 Supplement Proposed Sur–Reply)(Hardin, Matthew) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
07/22/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting 12 Motion for Extension of Time; 15 Motion for Leave to File: It is hereby ORDERED that 13 Defendant's Reply to Opposition to Motion to Dismiss is DEEMED TIMELY FILED. It is FURTHER ORDERED that [15–3] Plaintiff's sur–reply is DEEMED FILED. It is FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant may file a response to Plaintiff's sur–reply on or before July 29, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/22/2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
07/22/2024	<u>17</u>	SURREPLY to re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by POWER THE FUTURE. (znmw) (Entered: 07/30/2024)
07/29/2024	<u>16</u>	SUR–SURREPLY to <u>17</u> SURREPLY re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Silverman, Bradley) Modified event title and link on 7/30/2024 (znmw). (Entered: 07/29/2024)