

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-01061-BAH**

PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST v. U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF THE INTERIOR
Assigned to: Judge Beryl A. Howell
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/17/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/17/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10003511) filed by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit A – FOIA DOI-OS-2023-001625, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons Summons – U.S. Attorney's Office, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons – U.S. Attorney General, # <u>5</u> Summons Summons – Department of the Interior Solicitor)(Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 04/17/2023)
04/17/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Beryl A. Howell. (zcb) (Entered: 04/17/2023)
04/17/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zcb) (Entered: 04/17/2023)
04/18/2023	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on April 18, 2023. (lcbah1) (Entered: 04/18/2023)
05/17/2023	<u>4</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
05/31/2023	<u>5</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 05/31/2023)
06/01/2023		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING the parties, in light of their <u>5</u> Joint Status Report, to file another joint status report by July 11, 2023. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on June 1, 2023. (lcbah1) (Entered: 06/01/2023)

06/02/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/11/2023. (ztg) (Entered: 06/02/2023)
07/11/2023	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 07/11/2023)
07/11/2023		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>6</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to submit a joint status report by September 15, 2023. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on July 11, 2023. (lcbah1) (Entered: 07/11/2023)
07/12/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/15/2023. (ztg) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>7</u>	NOTICE by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>8</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
09/13/2023	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 09/13/2023)
09/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING the parties, upon consideration of their <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, to file a joint status report by November 15, 2023, advising the Court of the status of this matter and whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on September 14, 2023. (lcbah1) (Entered: 09/14/2023)
09/15/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/15/2023 (mac) (Entered: 09/15/2023)
11/15/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
11/15/2023		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING the parties, upon consideration of their <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, to file, by January 16, 2024, a joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on November 15, 2023. (lcbah1) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
11/15/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Joint Status Report due by 1/16/2024. (mac) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
01/16/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 01/16/2024)
01/16/2024		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING the parties, upon consideration of their <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, to file, by March 18, 2024, a joint status letter, advising the Court of the status of this matter and whether any disputes remain, and if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on January 16, 2024. (lcbah1) (Entered: 01/16/2024)
01/17/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Letter due by 3/18/2024 (mac) (Entered: 01/17/2024)
03/18/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 03/18/2024)
03/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING the parties, upon consideration of their <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, to file, by April 18, 2024, a joint status report, advising the Court of the status of this matter and whether any disputes between the parties remain and if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 19, 2024. (lcbah1) (Entered: 03/19/2024)
03/20/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Joint Status Report due by 4/18/2024. (mac) (Entered: 03/20/2024)
04/18/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 04/18/2024)
04/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING the parties, upon consideration of their <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, to file, by May 20, 2024, a joint status report, advising the Court of the status of this matter and whether any disputes between the parties remain and if

		so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on April 19, 2024. (lcbah1) (Entered: 04/19/2024)
04/22/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/20/2024 (mac) (Entered: 04/22/2024)
05/21/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 05/21/2024)
05/21/2024		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING the parties, upon consideration of their <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, to file, by June 18, 2024, a joint status report, advising the Court of the status of this matter and whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 21, 2024. (lcbah1) (Entered: 05/21/2024)
05/22/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Joint Status Report due by 6/18/2024 (mac) (Entered: 05/22/2024)
06/18/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 06/18/2024)
06/18/2024		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING the parties, upon consideration of their <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, to file, by August 19, 2024, a joint status letter advising the Court of the status of this matter and whether any disputes between the parties remain and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings, unless a stipulation of dismissal is filed before then. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on June 18, 2024. (lcbah1) (Entered: 06/18/2024)
06/20/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Joint Status Report due by 8/19/2024. (mac) (Entered: 06/20/2024)
08/19/2024	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 08/19/2024)
08/20/2024		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING the parties, upon consideration of their <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, to file, by September 19, 2024, a joint status letter advising the Court of the status of this matter and whether any disputes between the parties remain and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings, unless a stipulation of dismissal is filed before then. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on August 20, 2024. (lcbah1) (Entered: 08/20/2024)
08/22/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Joint Status Report due by 9/19/2024 (mac) (Entered: 08/22/2024)
09/19/2024	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 09/19/2024)
09/20/2024		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to submit a joint status report by October 18, 2024, advising the Court whether any disputes remain between the parties, and if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on September 20, 2024. (lcbah1) (Entered: 09/20/2024)
09/23/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Joint Status Report due by 10/18/2024. (mac) (Entered: 09/23/2024)