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Via email: [78645-87783741@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:78645-87783741@requests.muckrock.com)

Jimmy Tobias  
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Dear Mr. Tobias:

On March 18, 2019, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

Any written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Susan Combs and any agent, official, representative or employee of one or more of the following organizations: the Western Energy Alliance, the Texas Public Policy Foundation, the Independence Institute, the American Petroleum Institute, the State Policy Network, and/or the Texas Oil and Gas Association.

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on March 18, 2019, and assigned control number **OS-2019-00591**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

We have classified you as a representative of the news media. As such, we may charge you for some of our duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our search or review costs; you also are entitled to up to 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.39. If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g)

You can expect to hear from us promptly regarding the outcome of this search.

You have asked for copies of agency records. According to our regulations, you may choose the format of disclosure for such records. Unless you specify otherwise, the Office of the Secretary will provide copies of responsive records on a CD-ROM disk as scanned PDF images when the responsive records exceed 50 pages.

Exhibit Q

Mr. Jimmy Tobias

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Because we will need to search for and collect requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request, we are taking a 10-workday extension under 43 C.F.R. § 2.19. We are placing your request under the “Normal” processing track. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.15.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Cindy Sweeney by phone at (202) 513-0765, by fax at (202) 219-2374, by e-mail at [os\\_foia@ios.doi.gov](mailto:os_foia@ios.doi.gov) or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St, N.W., MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

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