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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Department of State Lands
DOJ File No.: 141031-GA0110-26

Dear Mr. Buchal:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition for disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Your petition asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) to disclose records pertaining to the Muddy Creek Energy Park. Specifically, you indicate that there are additional records, including communications, that DSL has failed to produce in response to a series of records requests submitted by you.

We contacted DSL's assigned attorney general contact counsel. He indicated that DSL is undertaking an additional review of your most recent request and believes that it may have additional records to produce to you. DSL expects to complete its supplemental search within one week. Because DSL has reopened this request with the intent to produce additional records, we respectfully dismiss your petition as moot. After DSL completes its supplemental response, you may, of course, file a new petition if you believe DSL has improperly withheld records from you.

Sincerely,

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