



# United States Department of the Interior

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
FWS/FOIA 2022-001776

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Via email: [dmetzger@selctn.org](mailto:dmetzger@selctn.org)

Dr. Daniel Metzger  
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REF: FWS-2022-001776

Dear Dr. Metzger:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Headquarters FOIA Office received your request dated January 27, 2022 and assigned tracking number FWS-2022-001776. Please refer to tracking number in communications regarding this request.

You requested the following: *“Beginning May 1, 2021, until the date of the search for responsive records, any records related to the Ridgeline Expansion Project and related infrastructure. Such records include, but are not limited to, all communications between FWS and the following entities: Enbridge, Inc., East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLP, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.”*

### **Response**

We have completed our search and review of responsive records. We are releasing two hundred three (203) pages of records in their entirety.

### **Mediation/Dispute Resolution**

If after contacting us as described below, you need further information or assistance with your request, you may wish to seek dispute resolution services from the Department’s FOIA Public Liaison, Natasha Alcantara by email at [doifoiapublicliaison@sol.doi.gov](mailto:doifoiapublicliaison@sol.doi.gov).

If you need further information or assistance after contacting the Department’s FOIA Public Liaison, you may wish to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The 2007 FOIA amendments created the OGIS to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Web: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Fax: 202-741-5769  
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

### **Conclusion**

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. *See* [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

This is our only and final response and closes your request DOI-FWS-2022-001776. If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact me by email at [fwhq\\_foia@fws.gov](mailto:fwhq_foia@fws.gov), or by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; ATTN: FOIA Office; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS: IRTM; Falls Church, VA 22041.

Sincerely,

Amanda Crask  
FWS FOIA Coordinator