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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Via email: cbowling@selctn.org

REF: DOI-FWS-2023-004197

Ms. Chelsea Bowling
Southern Environmental Law Center
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Nashville, TN 37203

Dear Ms. Bowling:

This letter is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 25, 2023 and assigned tracking number FWS-2023-004197. Please refer to this tracking number in communications regarding this request. You requested the following:

“Records Related to Enbridge’s Proposed Ridgeline Expansion Project. Specifically, records that were created, received, or reviewed by FWS: Beginning January 11, 2023, until the date of the search for responsive records, any records related to the Ridgeline Expansion Project and related infrastructure (including the proposed TVA gas facility near Kingston). Such records include, but are not limited to:

- 1) all documents related to the meetings between FWS (including the FWS Tennessee Field Office) and ETNG, Enbridge, Inc., TVA, or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the Ridgeline Expansion Project; and*
- 2) all records exchanged between FWS (including the FWS Tennessee Field Office) and ETNG, Enbridge, Inc., TVA, or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the Ridgeline Expansion Project.*

Response

We are writing to respond to your request. We are enclosing 971 pages, which are being released to you 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 Jones by email at 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
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 final response and closes your request DOI-FWS-2023-004197. If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact me by email at Amanda_Crask@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
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FWS FOIA Coordinator