

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

JAN 13 2014

Re: Request for Expedited Treatment,
FOIA No. FY14-28

VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

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Dear Ms. Gordon:

On January 3, 2014, you filed a request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (2012) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) FOIA regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 388.108 (2013). Specifically, you requested "a list of each and every landowner in Florida contacted by Sabal Trail LLC by mail to inform them that they are on, or may be on, the proposed pipeline and or proposed survey map for this project." In addition, you seek expedited processing and a waiver of the processing fees.

I. Expedited Processing

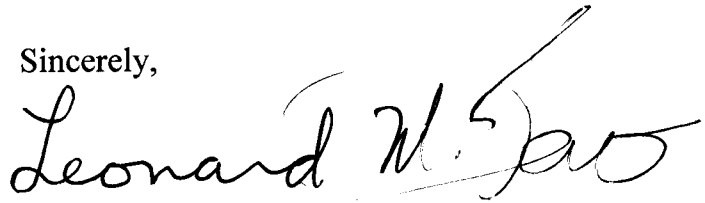
Under 18 C.F.R. § 388.108(d)(1), a FOIA requester may seek expedited processing on the basis of a compelling need, which requires a showing that: (1) failure to obtain the records on an expedited basis can reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; or (2) in the case of a requester primarily engaged in the dissemination of information (generally the media), there is an urgency to inform the public concerning Federal Government activity. In addition, under 18 C.F.R. § 388.108(d)(2), the request for expedited treatment must be supported with detailed credible documentation, including a statement certified to be true and correct to the requester's best knowledge and belief.

Upon review, your FOIA request fails to make the requisite showing supporting a need for expedited processing. Beyond merely noting that there is an urgent need to inform the public, nothing within your statements (or the request as a whole) speaks to an expected imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual if the information sought is not expeditiously disclosed. Further, none of the claims in your request are supported by detailed credible documentation as required by 18 C.F.R. § 388.108(d)(2).

Accordingly, your request for expedited processing must be denied. Nevertheless, while we cannot give your request priority over other requests, we will endeavor to process it as promptly as possible within the appropriate regulatory time frame. See 18 C.F.R. § 388.108(c)(1).

As provided by the Freedom of Information Act and 18 C.F.R. § 388.110(a)(1) of the Commission's regulations, any appeal from this determination must be filed within 45 days of the date of this letter. This appeal must be in writing, addressed to David Morenoff, Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, and clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please send a courtesy copy to Charles A. Beamon, Associate General Counsel, General and Administrative Law, at the same address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonard M. Tao". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Leonard M. Tao
Director
Office of External Affairs