Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

April 23, 2009

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Re: FOIA-2009-000161

Dear Mr. Benke:

This is a partial response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. You asked for meeting minutes, correspondence or material related to the Enron Corporation and its related companies from 1985 to 2000 that address the issue of energy and natural gas deregulation in the United States. You also asked for material that addresses Enron's changing business model from 1997-2001.

The Office of Fossil Energy (FE), the Energy Information Administration (EIA), and the Office of Policy and International Affairs (PI) have completed the searches of their files for documents. The searches, however, did not locate any responsive documents. Therefore, pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.4(d), I am unable to provide any responsive documents from those offices.

Guido DeHoratis, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Office of FE, is responsible for the determination that no documents exist in FE.

Dr. Phyllis Yoshida, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Internal Energy Cooperation, Office of PI, is responsible for the determination that no documents exist in PI.

Steve Harvey, Director, Office of Oil and Gas, EIA, is responsible for the determination that no documents exist in EIA.

Cindy Luckett in the Office of the Executive Secretariat sent you an electronic-mail message on March 24, 2009, stating that documents about Enron and its related companies from 1985 to 2000 are available on the DOE website.

Upon completion of the search and review of any responsive documents by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE), a final response will be provided to you.

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You may challenge the adequacy of the searches for responsive documents by submitting a written appeal to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1/L'Enfant Plaza Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615. You should submit the appeal within 30 calendar days of receipt of this correspondence.

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. The appeal also must contain all the elements required by 10 CFR 1004.8. Judicial review will thereafter be available (1) in the district where you reside; (2) in the district where you have your principal place of business; (3) in the district where the DOE records are located; or (4) in the District of Columbia.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Ms. Sheila Jeter of my staff on (202) 586-5061.

Sincerely,

Joan Dabazzhi

for Alexander C. Morris
FOIA Officer
Office of Information Resources