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Dear Ms. Hughes:

This is in final 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. In your request dated March 10, 2009, you asked for information about the Department's monthly use of electricity and the monthly cost of electricity for the past three years, so that you could evaluate how well the solar panels are performing on the rooftop of DOE's Forrestal facility. A compilation of this information for the past three years is enclosed as Attachment 1.

As I stated to you in an email dated March 27, 2009, please keep in mind that even though DOE's solar installation is one of the largest arrays in the region, it still only generates a small fraction of the electricity used by the DOE's Forrestal facility which consists of three large adjoining office buildings. Because the solar array provides only a small portion of the Forrestal's electrical requirements, it is not possible to make a direct correlation of the Department's monthly use and cost of electricity to the solar panel's generation of energy without other data which accounts for external factors (e.g. weather) that affect both the demand for electricity, and the solar panel's generation of electricity; all of which may vary from month-to-month and year-to-year.

I am also providing additional information pertaining to the kilowatt hours of energy generated by the Department's solar array since its inception. I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter and hope that you find this information useful.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FORRESTAL FACILITY
THREE-YEAR CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY DATA

FY06	Billing Period		Consumption (KWH)	Billed Cost ($)	
	Start Date	End Date			
Oct	13 Sep 05	12 Oct 05	2,000,473	$	170,590.15
Nov	12 Oct 05	10 Nov 05	1,914,840	$	162,113.85
Dec	10 Nov 05	14 Dec 05	2,085,786	$	186,021.98
Jan	14 Dec 05	17 Jan 06	2,113,581	$	187,931.55
Feb	17 Jan 06	13 Feb 06	1,761,856	$	160,852.33
Mar	13 Feb 06	16 Mar 06	1,994,013	$	179,638.05
Apr	16 Mar 06	14 Apr 06	1,833,086	$	171,517.77
May	14 Apr 06	12 May 06	1,755,694	$	161,054.40
Jun	12 May 06	15 Jun 06	2,150,739	$	239,505.60
Jul	15 Jun 06	13 Jul 06	1,834,187	$	237,594.54
Aug	13 Jul 06	11 Aug 06	2,049,448	$	264,442.75
Sep	11 Aug 06	13 Sep 06	2,240,306	$	286,220.68

FY07	Billing Period		Consumption (KWH)	Billed Cost ($)	
	Start Date	End Date			
Oct	13 Sep 06	13 Oct 06	1,916,350	$	247,997.66
Nov	13 Oct 06	12 Nov 06	1,854,963	$	223,690.91
Dec	12 Nov 06	13 Dec 06	1,891,285	$	199,032.90
Jan	13 Dec 06	17 Jan 07	2,100,123	$	218,980.56
Feb	17 Jan 07	14 Feb 07	1,862,617	$	197,142.19
Mar	14 Feb 07	15 Mar 07	1,815,709	$	195,834.26
Apr	15 Mar 07	13 Apr 07	1,826,035	$	196,988.48
May	13 Apr 07	15 May 07	1,976,735	$	211,433.49
Jun	15 May 07	14 Jun 07	1,944,663	$	208,398.31
Jul	15 Jun 07	13 Jul 07	1,895,333	$	208,832.96
Aug	13 Jul 07	11 Aug 07	2,006,879	$	268,890.70
Sep	11 Aug 07	13 Sep 07	2,289,126	$	248,288.79

FY08	Billing Period		Consumption (KWH)	Billed Cost ($)	
	Start Date	End Date			
Oct	13 Sep 07	12 Oct 07	1,898,551	$	251,316.01
Nov	12 Oct 07	14 Nov 07	2,072,716	$	246,516.06
Dec	14 Nov 07	13 Dec 07	1,831,011	$	222,326.22
Jan	13 Dec 07	15 Jan 08	1,978,996	$	236,994.03
Feb	15 Jan 08	12 Feb 08	1,828,892	$	222,345.89
Mar	12 Feb 08	14 Mar 08	2,016,748	$	243,358.05
Apr	14 Mar 08	11 Apr 08	1,791,510	$	221,334.14
May	11 Apr 08	13 May 08	2,095,217	$	251,418.83
Jun	13 May 08	12 Jun 08	2,042,346	$	244,593.38
Jul	12 Jun 08	14 Jul 08	2,114,263	$	256,835.75
Aug	14 Jul 08	12 Aug 08	1,970,131	$	243,258.36
Sep	12 Aug 08	11 Sep 08	1,997,008	$	247,247.42

FY09	Billing Period		Consumption (KWH)	Billed Cost ($)	
	Start Date	End Date			
Oct	11 Sep 08	14 Oct 08	2,106,854	$	258,562.78
Nov	14 Oct 08	12 Nov 08	1,867,591	$	235,456.98
Dec	12 Nov 08	15 Dec 08	2,111,873	$	255,487.12
Jan	15 Dec 08	15 Jan 09	2,032,946	$	251,334.57
Feb	15 Jan 09	13 Feb 09	1,942,571	$	239,706.71
Mar	13 Feb 09	17 Mar 09	2,036,286	$	253,455.24

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GENERATION OF SOLAR ENERGY DATA
(SEPTEMBER 2008 TO MARCH 2009)

Month	Solar Array Generation (KWH)
Sep 2008	14,614
Oct 2008	17,695
Nov 2008	9,708
Dec 2008	7,776
Jan 2009	9,394
Feb 2009	15,587
Mar 2009	16,028

Note: Array First Energized on 9 Sept 2008