



REQUEST UNDER MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC RECORD LAW

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Dear Records Officer,

On behalf of Government Accountability & Oversight, a 501(c)(3) non-profit public policy institute with research, investigative journalism and publication functions, as part of a transparency initiative seeking public records relating to environmental and energy policy and related activities at various agencies at all levels of government, which includes an active campaign of broad dissemination of public information obtained under open records and freedom of information laws to the broader population, pursuant to the Massachusetts Public Records Law (M.G.L. §§ 66-10 *et seq.*), I hereby request copies of:

1) all electronic mail correspondence dated from **June 1, 2020, until January 5, 2023, inclusive**, that was **A) sent to, from or copied** (whether as cc: or bcc:) **Judy Chang**, Undersecretary of Energy at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), **which B) include, anywhere, i.e., is also sent to, from or copying** (again, whether as cc: or bcc:) **or which otherwise include**, whether in, e.g., the body of a forwarded email, **any email address ending in** i) @aee.net, ii) @gridstrategiesllc.com, iii) @SustainableFERC.org, iv) @NRDC.org, v) @americanprogress.org, and/or vi) @who.eop.gov.

2) Please also provide us copies of all electronic mail correspondence dated from **June 1, 2020, until January 5, 2023, inclusive**, that was **A) sent to, from or copying** (whether as cc: or bcc:) Undersecretary **Chang**, and **which B) include, anywhere, i.e., is also sent to, from or copying** (again, whether as cc: or bcc:) **or which otherwise include**, whether in, e.g., the body of a forwarded email, i) rich.glick@ferc.gov, ii) Richard.glick@ferc.gov, iii) Pamela.Quinlan@ferc.gov, and/or iv) Allison.Clements@ferc.gov.

In the event that the Office's custodian of public records determines that a release of a given record would contain confidential or private information or otherwise seek to withhold

information, we request to state the reasons for any such withholdings.

We understand that in some instances a public body may charge a fee for the cost of the search, examination, review, copying, separation of confidential from nonconfidential information, and mailing costs. If your Office expects to seek a charge associated with the searching, copying or production of these records, please provide an estimate of anticipated costs.

As noted earlier in this request, GAO is a non-profit public policy organization dedicated to informing the public of developments in the area of energy and environmental issues and relationships between governmental and non-governmental entities as they relate to those issues. GAO's ability to obtain fee waivers is essential to this work. GAO intends to use any responsive information to continue its work highlighting the nexus between interested non-governmental entities and government agency decision-making. The public is both interested in and entitled to know how regulatory, policy and enforcement decisions are reached. GAO ensures the public is made aware of its work and findings via media, its websites govoversight.org and climatelitigationwatch.org dedicated to broadly disseminating energy and environmental policy news and developments. The public information obtained by GAO is frequently cited in newspapers and trade and political publications and has been relied upon by established media outlets, including the Washington Times and Wall Street Journal editorial page.¹

Through these means, GAO will ensure: (1) that the information requested contributes significantly to the public's understanding of the government's operations or activities; (2) that the information enhances the public's understanding to a greater degree than currently exists; (3) that GAO possesses the expertise to explain the requested information to the public; (4) that GAO possesses the ability to disseminate the requested information to the general public; (5) and that the news media recognizes GAO as a reliable source in the field of government officials' conduct.

GAO looks forward to your response. In the event you have any questions, please feel free contact me at the below email address. Thank you for your prompt attention, time and consideration to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
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¹ See, e.g., coverage at Editorial, *Wall Street Journal*, "Biden's 'BackDoor' Climate Plan," March 17, 2021, <https://www.wsj.com/articles/bidens-backdoor-climate-plan-11616020338>, and Stuart Parker, "Conservative Group Says States' Ozone Suit 'Trojan Horse' for GHG Limits," Inside EPA, February 24, 2021.