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VIA E-MAIL TO:

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Mr. Johnathan Clark
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Re: Public Info. Act Request
Maryland Environmental Service

Dear Mr. Clark

Maryland Environmental Service ("MES") is in receipt of your letter dated September 17, 2020 which requests certain records. Please be advised that your request will be subject to the Maryland Public Information Act (MD Code, General Provisions §§4-301 et seq.) and the provisions of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR 14.27.04 to 14.27.04.10).

Your specific request is as follows:

- Any contracts awarded since April 4, 2017 for the procurement of natural gas, solar power, or wind power, or for the construction of infrastructure associated with supplying the above energy sources.

MES Response: MES has performed a diligent search for the records requested. Records responsive to this request can now be found in the One Drive folder referenced in the email transmitting this response.

Under COMAR 14.27.04.08 (A) MES may charge a fee for the searching and copying records in accordance with a Public Information Act Request. The search to determine the amount of responsive records reached, but did not exceed two hours, therefore there is no charge at this time.

Disputes concerning the reasonableness of fees may be appealed to the Public Information Compliance Board. See MD Code, General Provisions, § 4-1A-01.

Disputes concerning the compliance of MES with the Public Information Act may be submitted to the Office of Public Access Ombudsman. See MD Code, General Provisions, § 4-1B-03.

You may file an action for judicial review of this decision in accordance with MD Code, General Provisions, § 4-362.

If you have any questions, please contact me

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Merkel". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Sharon Merkel
Public Information Act Representative
Maryland Environmental Service