



**Department of Energy**  
Southwestern Power Administration  
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September 5, 2012

FED EX  
Mr. Jack Gillum  
Washington Bureau  
The Associated Press  
1100 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20005

RE: SWPA-2012-01772-F

Dear Mr. Gillum:

This is in 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 copies of correspondence to or from Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan or his staff from Jan 3 1999 to present. You also asked for requests in which Rep Ryan or his office wrote on behalf of constituents.

A search for responsive records was conducted of the files of Southwestern Power Administration. The search was conducted of records in existence through September 5, 2012. No documents were found.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.8, you may challenge the adequacy of the search for records by submitting a written appeal to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals at HG-1/L"Enfant Plaza Building, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615. You should submit the appeal within 30 calendar days of receipt of this determination.

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. The appeal must contain the elements required by 10 CFR 1004.8, including a copy of this letter. Judicial review will thereafter be available in the Federal District Court either (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.

This is the final response for Southwestern Power Administration. If you have questions about processing of the request or this letter, please contact Martha Ayers, One West Third, Suite 1603, Tulsa, OK 74103.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha F. Ayers".

Martha F. Ayers  
Freedom of Information Act Officer