

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH,

Plaintiff,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 18-1677 (CJN)

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court’s Minute Order dated July 8, 2021, the Parties respectfully submit this status report updating the Court on the status of production of records in this Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) matter:

1. As anticipated in the Parties’ latest status report (*see* ECF No. 35), Defendant has completed its processing of Plaintiff’s FOIA request, including all documents referred to other agencies.

2. Subsequent to the completion of Defendant’s productions, the Parties have conferred in good faith about those productions and are attempting to resolve the matter through addressing Plaintiff’s demand for attorneys’ fees and costs. The Parties intend to continue to confer about a potential settlement of this issue in order to potentially eliminate the need for any judicial determinations with respect to Plaintiff’s fee demand or substantive challenges to Defendant’s withholdings.

3. To facilitate their ongoing settlement discussions, the Parties respectfully request that they be permitted to file another status report on or before September 20, 2021, further

informing the Court of the status of their negotiations, if a stipulation of settlement and dismissal has not been filed by that time.

A proposed order is attached.

Dated: August 5, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

UPON CONSIDERATION of the Parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall jointly submit a further status report informing the Court of their progress in discussing a potential settlement of the remaining disputed issue in this matter no later than September 20, 2021.

Date

Carl J. Nichols
United States District Judge