

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES ACT REQUEST

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John Schowalter
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By Electronic Mail: data.requests.mmb@state.mn.us
Re: Certain Legislative Advisory Commission records

Dear Mr. Schowalter

On behalf of Energy Policy Advocates (EPA), recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit public policy institute under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. §13.01, *et seq.*, please provide copies of the following records:

1. All proposed private attorney contracts submitted by the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. §8.065, in 2019, 2020, and 2021;
2. All documents transmitting or otherwise accompanying any proposed private attorney contract submitted by the Office of the Attorney General in 2019, 2020, and 2021; and
3. All responses and/or recommendations issued by the Legislative Advisory Commission to the Office of the Attorney General, in response to any proposed private attorney contracts responsive to #1 of this request.

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, EPA 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. EPA's ability to obtain fee waivers is essential to this work. EPA 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. EPA ensures the public is made aware of its work and findings via media, its website epadvocates.org, its partnership with the non-profit public interest law firm Government Accountability & Oversight, P.C., and its counsel GAO's ClimateLitigationWatch.org project dedicated to broadly disseminating energy and environmental policy news and developments. The public information obtained by EPA have been relied upon by established media outlets, including the Washington Times and Wall Street Journal editorial page.¹

We look forward to your response. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email at ncornettlaw@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
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Attorney at Law

¹ See, e.g., See also, EPA In the News at <http://epadvocates.org/news/>.