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Open Records Officers for GA EPD

Cc: Kevin Chambers

DATE: April 3, 2021

TMV Internal Reference Request # 0029

OPEN RECORDS REQUEST (ORR)

Pursuant to Georgia Open Records Law (O.C.G.A. 50-18-70 et seq), I would like to:

Inspect and Copy; Obtain Copies (*select option*) of the following Records:

ORR SECTION 1: REFERENCE & BACKGROUND:

Following is an excerpt from the Rules & Regulations of the State of Georgia, and is the basis upon which this request is made, and which can be found online at <http://rules.sos.ga.gov/GAC/391-3-8-.10>:

Rule 391-3-8-.10 Inspection and Maintenance Plan Requirements

(1) (c) Insure that all gates, orifices, dissipators, trash racks, and other appurtenances that affect the proper operation of the dam and reservoir are kept in good repair and working order, and that spillway and **outlet gates necessary to pass flood flows shall be test operated at least once each year. The dam owner shall file an affidavit with the Director certifying that such gates and other appurtenances are in good repair and working order;**

ORR SECTION 2: SPECIFIC OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS:

(1) I am requesting copies of the most recent Affidavit(s) filed with the Director, which fulfills the requirements of the aforementioned Georgia Rule, 391-3-8-.10(1)(c).

(2) In the event that such an Affidavit has not been filed, I am requesting copies of any communication from the Director, or any representative of Ga Safe Dams, the EPD, or any other State Agency, in which inquiry is made to the Owner (*Big Canoe*) of Lake Petit Dam as to why this has not been filed, or in which instruction or order to comply with Georgia Rule, 391-3-8-.10(1)(c) is given. This should include any related Non-compliance letters, Notices of Violation, Consent or Administrative Orders.

ORR SECTION 3: INSTRUCTIONS, LEGAL, COMMUNICATIONS:

If this request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you cite in writing the specific statutory exemption upon which you have relied, as required by law. I also ask that you release all separate portions of otherwise exempt material. Please waive any costs associated with this request, or first inform me about such costs as required by Georgia law. As you know, the Law requires a response by you within three business days of your receipt of this letter and provides sanctions for non-compliance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cost estimates should be submitted by email to themtnsvoice@aol.com along with payment remittance instructions, or you may call me at 706-265-0010. **Copies of Records are requested to be provided in electronic format. Electronic records responses should be submitted by email to themtnsvoice@aol.com.**

If for any reason there is a specific and valid reason why the records cannot be simply forwarded in a cost effective and quick electronic format, preferably in PDF, please inform me of said fact including the time the documents will be ready, and I will make arrangements to either have them picked up, or will provide you with a Mailing Address to where they may be sent depending upon the manner of shipment. Please include separate mailing costs in any cost estimate that may be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

- david hopkins / publisher

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