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By U.S. mail and email

Connie Plonowski, Agency Open Records Officer
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Re: Right-to-Know Law Request

Dear Ms. Plonowski:

By letter dated November 21, 2011, Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future ("PennFuture") submitted a Right-to-Know Law Request (Right-to-Know Law Request # 11-1043). In a letter dated November 28, 2011, you denied our request citing, among other reasons, that it was "overly broad and not sufficiently specific." Pursuant to your letter, I am refining our request.

In general terms, PennFuture is seeking the Department's most recent projections or estimates of how much money will be coming into the Oil and Gas Lease Fund in the future. It appears from recent statements made by the Department that the Department has made such projections or estimates. *See Timothy Puko, State may free wilderness for gas leases, Pittsburgh Tribune Review, Sept. 23, 2011 ("DCNR expects to bring in a record of \$58 million in rent and royalties alone in the 2011-12 fiscal year, spokeswoman Christina Novak said.")* We are seeking the records that support such statements.

If the Department requires greater specificity, PennFuture requests copies of the following records: Any memoranda, reports, emails or correspondence containing projections of future rents and royalties from oil and gas leases of any land owned by the Commonwealth, sent after November 18, 2010, to any of the following: the Bureau of Forestry or any office or section therein, the Secretary of the Department, the Deputy Secretary for Parks and Forestry, the Director of the Bureau of Forestry, the Governor's Office, the Governor's Budget Office, the Governor's Energy Executive, members of the General Assembly or their staff, the Deputy Secretary for Administration, the Acting Secretary for Administration, the Deputy Secretary for Conservation and Technical Services, the Acting Chief Counsel for the Department, or the Policy Director of the Department.

If the records are maintained and readily available in electronic form (".pdf" files or similar), PennFuture would prefer that they be produced in that form, either by electronic transmission or on a CD-ROM or DVD. PennFuture will reimburse the Department for the actual cost of such electronic media or the reasonable cost of copying the records requested by this request if they are not readily available for disclosure in electronic form.

If the Department refuses this request, please provide me with a written statement of the reasons for denial. If the Department's denial is based upon a statute, regulation or court

decision, please cite that law or case, including the specific section or sections you rely upon, in your written response.

Please direct your response to me at the address on this letterhead.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me by telephone at (215) 545-9694 or email (glass@pennfuture.org) if you have any questions or to make arrangements for the payment of fees or the disclosure of the records.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Glass', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian G. Glass
Law Staff Chair