September 3, 2013

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, file # NR-019-2013

On August 8, 2013, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

All GSI data, and any work products, interpretations, reports that contain any GSI data or measurements taken therefrom: where there are any records including but not limited to correspondence, transmittals, lists, including but not limited to: use for, access to, and disclosures including but not limited to: planning, placing lines, conducting seismic surveys offshore Labrador 2010-2013, relating to TGS, TGS NOPEC, PGS, Petroleum Geo Services, Multi Klient Invest, including any employees, consultants, contractors, agent of theirs.

In addition, through email correspondence with the department's ATIPP Coordinator you provided some additional clarification regarding the subject of your request. I have included the relevant emails as an attachment for your reference.

Please be advised that our records indicate that the Department of Natural Resources has no records responsive to your request.

Section 43 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request or you may appeal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Commissioner shall be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner. The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
34 Pippy Place  
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A  
St. John’s, NL A1B 3V8  

Telephone: (709) 729-6309  
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500  

In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 30 days of the date of this letter. Section 60 of the Act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.  

Please be advised that Access to Information response files, including response letters such as this one, and responsive records where applicable, will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive files posted on the Office of Public Engagement's website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that your identity and any other personal information that may exist in the response file will not be made public. Please note also that no portion of requests for personal information will be published.  

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the department’s ATIPP Coordinator at (709) 729-3214.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  

CHARLES W. BOWN  
Deputy Minister
Marshall, Andrea

From: [redacted]  
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 10:56 AM  
To: Marshall, Andrea  
Subject: Re: ATIPP Request NR/19/2013: Clarification Needed

Obviously that large new seismic program is planned somehow somebody looked at existing data to place those lines and to lay that survey it wouldn't have been just put on a blank map I'm trying to find out what data was looked at who look at it and who planned the survey quite simply that's it. It's really upsetting to see the continued obstruction that government is trying by Asking supposedly innocent questions Where the answer is obvious

Make it a great day!

"Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety" Benjamin Franklin

On 2013-08-23, at 5:22 AM, "Marshall, Andrea" <AndreaMarshall@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hi [redacted]

As indicated earlier in the week, we've received your latest request for information under the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIPPA). In your application, you asked for the following:

"All GSI data, and any work products, interpretations, reports that contain any GSI data or measurements taken therefrom: where there are any records including but not limited to correspondence, transmittals, lists, including but not limited to: use for, access to, and disclosures including but not limited to: planning, placing lines, conducting seismic surveys offshore Labrador 2010-2013, relating to TGS, TGS NOPEC, PGS, Petroleum Geo Services, Multi Klient Invest, including any employees, consultants, contractors, agent of theirs."

I've confirmed that the Department of Natural Resources has had no involvement in "...planning, placing lines, [or] conducting [the] seismic surveys offshore Labrador in 2010-2013....". The department's involvement in these surveys is through the Offshore Geoscience Data Program where, through a MOU with Nalcor Energy, the department provided funding for seismic data in acquisition in frontier regions of our offshore.

Given the broad language used in your current request, and in consideration of your previous requests and our responses on the subject of GSI seismic data, it's not clear as to what new information you are seeking (i.e., other than the "...planning...conducting....surveys..." piece). Can you please clarify if you're seeking any other new information at this time?

Thanks,

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