



State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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August 9, 2013

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Andy Shain
The State, Reporter
1401 Shop Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Andy,

In response to receiving your deposit for your Freedom of Information of Act request for “all emails and other correspondence sent to the [G]overnor’s [O]ffice regarding the data security breach at the SC Department of Revenue from Oct. 26 through Jan. 25”, we conducted an exhaustive search of responsive records and can provide you the final cost for production. The search and review of responsive records required an extensive amount of time due to the broadness of the request and the very large number of records located.

As previously stated, due to the high volume of Freedom of Information Act requests received by the Governor’s Office and the significant costs associated with producing the requests, our office is charging a reasonable cost for compiling and copying records as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-30(b) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

To produce this records request, the total cost will be \$1,279.14: \$381.40 for copies (3,814 pages at ten cents per page) and \$997.74 for staff time to compile records (35 hours at an hourly wage of \$14.26 per hour; and 22 hours, 35 minutes at an hourly wage of \$22.08 per hour), less the payment of the deposit, \$100.00.

With respect to costs for staff time to compile incoming constituent correspondence to the Governor’s Office, our office used the actual hourly rate of the employee who searched and collected those records, \$22.08 per hour. With respect to costs for staff time to compile incoming staff correspondence, our office used the lowest hourly rate of an employee in the Governor’s Office, \$14.26 per hour, putting forth our best effort to furnish records to you at the lowest possible cost in accordance with Section 30-4-30(b). In addition, we removed much of the duplicated correspondence, such as an incoming piece of correspondence to multiple staff

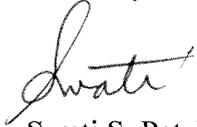
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members or a repeated electronic-mail string, which has greatly reduced the total number of pages and, accordingly, the total cost. Enclosed is an attachment providing these calculations to you in greater detail.

Please be advised that many responsive records that were located are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 30-4-40, the specific exemptions of which will be outlined for you in the letter accompanying production.

After payment has been received, a copy of the non-exempt responsive records will be provided to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Swati", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel

Enclosure

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Attachment

Due to the high volume of Freedom of Information Act requests received by the Governor’s Office and the significant costs associated with producing the requests, the Governor’s Office is charging a reasonable cost for compiling and copying records as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-40(b) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

In response to Mr. Andy Shain’s Freedom of Information Act request for “all emails and other correspondence sent to the [G]overnor’s [O]ffice regarding the data security breach at the SC Department of Revenue from Oct. 26 through Jan. 25”, the calculation for costs are as follows:

	Rate	Amount	Total Cost
Copies	\$00.10	3,814 pages	\$381.40
Staff Time for Governor’s Office	\$14.26 per hour	35 hours	\$499.10
Staff Time for Governor’s Constituent Services Office	\$22.08 per hour	22 hours 35 mins.	\$498.64
			\$1,379.14 – \$100.00 deposit =
			\$1,279.14 Total Cost