EDGE tells me I am "incorrect about the charge for assembling the materials", November 5-6, 2026

From: Rachel Hurley
To: openrecordsrequest@edgemem.com
Date: November 5, 2026, 10:37 AM Central
Subject: Re: Public records request - to inspect EDGE's communications with the xAI entities, and an itemized estimate

Ms. Massey,

I am writing about one item only: the itemized estimate for the $3,000 EDGE quoted on October 9, 2026 for items 4 and 5 of my October 8 request.

Section VII.A of EDGE's Amended and Restated Public Records Policy says: "Records custodians shall provide requestors with an itemized estimate of the charges using Form B, prior to producing copies of records and may require pre-payment of such charges before producing requested records."

I asked the Office of Open Records Counsel about this estimate. On November 5, 2026, the office replied: "They should provide an itemized estimate but I'm not aware of a statutory requirement to do so. If their policy requires that an itemized estimate be provided, they should follow that policy."

Please send me the itemized estimate on Form B, showing the hours and hourly rates, the number of records or pages, and any legal or outside vendor charges.

This does not change my request to inspect the records, which carries no charge.

Thank you,
Rachel Hurley

From: Openrecordsrequest@edgemem.com
To: Rachel Hurley
Date: November 5, 2026, 11:24 AM Central
Subject: Re: Public records request - to inspect EDGE's communications with the xAI entities, and an itemized estimate

Ms. Hurley,
EDGE previously worked with you on your multiple requests by providing easily gatherable materials, at no charge, by directing you to EDGE’s website for other public documents along with a budget to assemble the other requested materials. This prior activity definitely was not a denial of your request. As I indicated in my prior emails, your multi-faceted, multiple requests have triggered the aggregate provisions of the EDGE policy which means that requests are taken as a whole. It will take time to assemble responses to the requests. We also are working to devise a method for your review of the information that will be the most efficient in time and resources for EDGE and for you.
I would like to correct a couple of your misunderstandings that are included in your emails. First, you are correct EDGE will not be charging a copy charge for pages for which you do not require a physical copy. You also are correct that no meeting charge will be imposed for your review of the materials at

the EDGE offices. However, you are incorrect about the charge for assembling the materials. EDGE will incur substantial expenses to respond to your multi-faceted, multiple requests. As such, and pursuant to your requests, we will provide a budget for each item on each of your requests to respond to your multi-faceted, multiple requests. Once you provide the direction for which items you still require and pay the estimated fees, we will commence the research. I expect to provide you with the detailed budget by the end of next week.
Obviously, it is your right to seek assistance from other agencies. However, it will not speed your process to respond to your extensive requests. Additionally, each request and email slows down the time it takes to respond you. Please let me know if you have additional questions related to the process. If not, I will continue to work on the budget estimate.
Regards,
Open Records Request Coordinator

From: Rachel Hurley
To: Openrecordsrequest@edgemem.com
Date: November 6, 2026, 11:19 AM Central
Subject: Re: Public records request - to inspect EDGE's communications with the xAI entities, and an itemized estimate

Ms. Massey,

Section V.A of EDGE's policy says: "There shall be no charge for inspection of open public records." The policy lists labor only under fees for copies. Tenn. Code Ann. 10-7-503(a)(7)(A) says there is no charge to view a public record, and the Office of Open Records Counsel told me in Inquiry 22448: "For an in-person inspection of records, there can be no charge. If copies are requested or taken during the inspection, you may be charged the proportionate amount for those records."

Please tell me what law or policy section EDGE relies on to charge for assembling records I have asked only to inspect.

Thank you,
Rachel Hurley