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- 8) Meeting logs from the time period of October 1, 2001 through November 28, 2001 from the offices of Commission Chair Richard A. Meserve and Commissioners Edward McGaffigan Jr., Nils J. Diaz, Greta Joy Dicus and Jeffrey S. Merrifield to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that regard meetings with FirstEnergy and Indiana/Michigan Power Company and the responses of Davis-Besse and D.C. Cook nuclear generating stations to NRC Bulletin 2001-01.

This request covers but is not limited to internal or external correspondence, memoranda, notes, records of telephone contacts, electronic communications including fax transmissions and Email, draft and final orders, reports or other written records, whether in paper or computer files, preserved via the use of any medium (e.g., paper documents, final notes, or word processors or computer discs, diskettes, hard drives, or network systems) related to items 1 through 7.

Pursuant to this request, please provide all documents and communications prepared or utilized by, in the possession of, or routed through the NRC related to items 1 through 7.

For any portion of the request that you deem appropriate to deny, NIRS requests that you describe the information that is denied, identify the exception to the FOIA on which you rely, and explain how that exception applies to the withheld information.

Pursuant to federal regulations at 10 CFR 9.41, NIRS requests that any searching and copying fees incurred as a result of this search be waived, and provides the following information in response to the eight criteria listed in Section 9.41(b):

1) Purpose of request:

The purpose of the request is to gather information on the NRC policy and its regulatory decision-making process on nuclear power plant following significant public safety events. The requested information is currently not publicly available through the agency's public document room or the Agency-wide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS).

2) Extent to which NIRS will extract and analyze the substantive content of the records:

NIRS is qualified to make use of the requested information. The NIRS staff has demonstrated the ability to accurately interpret information and communicate that information in a form comprehensible to the general public. Members of the NIRS staff have published articles in such national journals as In These Times and The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. NIRS is quoted as a reliable source of information on nuclear power and public safety issues in wire service stories and newspapers across the country, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Cleveland Plain Dealer, The Toledo Blade and The Akron Beacon Journal.

NIRS has a working relationship with regulatory policy analysts, metallurgists, corrosion experts, attorneys, nuclear engineers, physicists and other respected professionals who contribute to the full understanding of nuclear power policy and public safety.

3) Nature of the specific activity or research in which the records will be used and NIRS qualifications to utilize the information for the intended use in such a way that it will contribute to public understanding:

NIRS seeks the requested information solely to contribute to and help shape the public debate on regulatory

decision-making and policy as related to public safety. NIRS intends to use the information in order to advance the concerns for public understanding of NRC regulatory decision-making, regulatory policy and the safety culture within the federal agency and at nuclear power stations.

4) Likely impact on the public understanding of the subject as compared to the level of understanding of the subject prior to disclosure:

The public understanding of the issues of on nuclear regulatory policy and decision-making will be enhanced by the contribution of this information.

5) Size and nature of the public to whose understanding a contribution will be made:

NIRS has an active subscribing membership of over 1500 throughout United States. Over 5000 additional members periodically receive mailings from NIRS. NIRS provides resource material to electronic and print media outlets with very broad outreach to our constituency and interested public. Additionally, NIRS has a web site (www.nirs.org) which receives on average of 1500 visitors per day where postings on this issue will be made available.

6) Means of distribution of the requested information:

NIRS will use its own newsletter publication The Nuclear Monitor and our media contacts in both the electronic and print media outlets to provide very broad outreach to the public. NIRS will also share information with other interested parties concerned about regulatory policy and the decision-making process. Additionally, NIRS will post information on its web site (www.nirs.org) that receives on average of 1500 visitors per day.

7) Whether free access to information will be provided:

NIRS will provide the information without charge to all members of the public. Information prepared from the FOIA requested will be posted on the web site for downloading free of charge. NIRS will also provide a copy of information to all interested parties without charge.

8) No commercial interest by NIRS or any other party:

NIRS has no commercial interest in obtaining the requested information. This information is provided to all public requests without charge. The sole interest of NIRS is to promote a policy debate on public safety and the regulatory decision-making process.

Sincerely,

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