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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

This is a request made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. §§ 552, *et seq.* I am a staff member of the Powder River Basin Resource Council (PRBRC). PRBRC is a nonprofit corporation, tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that educates and empowers our organizational members and other Wyoming residents to raise a coherent voice in the decisions that will impact their environment and rural lifestyle. On behalf of PRBRC, I request that a copy of the following documents, or documents containing the following information, be provided to me:

1. Any analysis conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act regarding anticipated environmental impacts of using the bioremediation method to restore groundwater at the Smith Ranch-Highland in-situ leach (ISL) uranium facilities or other ISL facilities.
2. Any correspondence, including electronic mail, from the NRC to Power Resources Inc. approving or otherwise authorizing bioremediation restoration methods for the Smith Ranch-Highland ISL facility.

We believe our request is not exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2)-(b)(7). However, if any portion of this request is denied, please provide us with a detailed explanation of the justification.

We request a waiver of all fees for this request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4). The requested records relate to NRC oversight functions of ISL uranium projects. The requested analysis and correspondence, and the policies and procedures on which they are based, define projects and activities NRC will support or otherwise define the scope of NRC's compliance with federal environmental law and are thus clearly "operations or activities of the government."

Additionally, disclosure of the requested information to our organization is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government. The information we obtain will contribute significantly to public understanding because it will be disclosed, free of charge, to our members and the public-at-large. We frequently correspond with members of the media, provide

public testimony and comments to federal, state, and local agencies, post information on our website, and otherwise disclose information to the public. Additionally, we regularly communicate with our members through individual and group meetings, phone calls, and other correspondence, and through a publication called *Powder River Breaks*, which is published six times a year. *Powder River Breaks* is mailed to all of our members and is available on our website. We will disclose any pertinent information we learn through this request via these avenues and others available to us. The information will help our members and the public-at-large better understand uranium mining projects, including oversight and regulatory authority and potential environmental impacts.

As a nonprofit organization, we have no commercial interest in the information. As mentioned above, the requested records will be used for the furtherance of our educational mission to inform the public on matters of importance to the environment and natural resources.

If a fee waiver is not granted, we request that you minimize our costs by copying the materials electronically through a data compact disc or other means. If our fees are expected to be greater than \$50, please obtain my authorization before any such charges are incurred.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (307) 672-5809 or via e-mail at sanderson@powderriverbasin.org.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

/s/

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