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FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Fee waiver requested

Dear Ms. Sealing:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of documents related to two facilitated focus group meetings conducted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Division of License Renewal (DLR) held to seek views and opinions of: (1) project managers (PM) and (2) DLR staff. Both facilitated focus group meetings were held on or around September 14, 2010. Specifically, Cascadia Times is seeking the following material:

1. Name and address of the company hired to perform the DLR facilitated focus group meetings.
2. All material that was recorded from briefings made by the facilitation company to NRC management.
3. A complete list of all questions or issues that were presented to both DLR groups to discuss and provide responses to.
4. All individual or collective responses that were recorded in response to the questions or issues presented to both groups.
6. The individual summary reports that were prepared for each of the two individual meeting.

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7. The NRC report for management that summarized the results of both meetings.

7. All other related material recorded or developed for each of the two meetings.

8. All information that was recorded by the facilitation contractor on flip charts, notes, or other forms of recording during or for these meetings.

9. All material related to these two meetings that is held by the company that facilitated both meetings and is not covered in items 1-7 above.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format.

As a representative of the news media I am required to pay only for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's process of relicensing nuclear power plants, which is of current interest to the public because the relicensing process has clear implications for the health and safety of all Americans and the environment. This information is being sought on behalf of *Cascadia Times* for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of relicensing issues, especially ones that pertain to health and safety. I plan to publish a story or several stories in different publications in my capacities both as editor of *Cascadia Times* and as a free-lance journalist.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul Koberstein