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Attn: FOIA Officer
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FOIA REQUEST

Dear FOIA records access officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. s. 552, I request access to and copies of all internal or external communication and released records in relation to and in response to the following requests to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

- FOIA/PA-2017-0598 (records pertaining to NYT & Reuters-reported nuclear cyber events)
- A July 10, 2017 letter from Sen. Markey requesting information from Chairman Svinicki on "reports that foreign hackers compromised the cybersecurity of U.S. nuclear power plant operators."

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 reserve the right to appeal any decision.

If any portion of the requested records is deemed exempt, I also request that you please provide an index of those documents as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1972), with sufficient specificity "to permit a reasoned judgment as to whether the material is actually exempt under FOIA" pursuant to *Founding Church of Scientology v. Bell*, 603 F.2d 945, 959 (D.C. Cir. 1979), and "describ[ing] each document or portion thereof withheld, and for each withholding it must discuss the consequences of supplying the sought-after information." *King v. U.S. Department of Justice*, 830 F.2d 210, 223-24 (D.C. Cir. 1987).

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. My research is intended to show how the government is assuring the protection of the nation's nuclear power plant operators, electric grid and other critical infrastructure. This information is being sought on behalf of E&E News for dissemination to the general public. It will result in stories available to the public for free or with a subscription.

In any event, as a representative of the news media I am required to pay for only the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on government efforts to assure safety in overseeing U.S. nuclear power generation and cybersecurity that is of current interest to the public. Again, this information is being sought on behalf of E&E News for dissemination to the general public and will result in stories available to the public for free or with a subscription.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$50. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

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 or email, 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.

Very truly yours,

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