



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

August 29, 1983

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FROM: Donnie H. Grimsley, Acting Chief
Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Branch

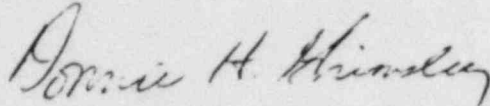
SUBJECT: FOIA REQUEST FROM NINA BELL FOR SEVEN CATEGORIES OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION HAS CEASED BUT WHICH CONTINUE TO HOLD VALID CONSTRUCTION PERMITS (FOIA-83-515)

Please find enclosed a copy of the subject FOIA request. Please advise Connie Pappas of my staff by September 6, 1983, of your response to the following: ✓

- (1) Does your office have documents subject to this request?
If yes: How much search time will be required? NOTE: If expected search time exceeds two hours, do not begin search until first talking to FOIA Branch staff contact.
- (2) Approximately how many documents do you anticipate will be withheld from public disclosure? What is their nature?
- (3) When submitting documents responsive to the request, a careful review should be undertaken to identify to DRR (1) any material which should be withheld specifically as classified, safeguards, or proprietary information, and (2) all records received from, or transmitted to one, or more Commissioners, or which contain substantive excerpts from records received from, or transmitted to, the Commissioners.
- (4) Do you anticipate any problems in processing this request and responding in the allotted time?
- (5) Which other offices might have documents subject to this request?

Please provide DRR with all documents subject to this request no later than NOON, September 9, 1983. ✓

Also enclosed is a copy of the FOIA time record form which should be completed by the staff in your office and returned to DRR with your response.



Donnie H. Grimsley, Acting Chief
Freedom of Information and Privacy
Acts Branch

Enclosures: As stated

CONTACT: Connie Pappas
49-28133

RECORD OF FOIA PROCESSING TIME

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form to establish the time associated with the processing of this FOIA request. Record the time in man-hours, rounded to the nearest 15 minutes, for all actions taken. Include the number of pages reproduced.

Your clerical overhead factor will be added by the FOIA/PA Branch.

Negative results time will be reported to this office by telephone.

RETURN FORM TO: Director, Division of Rules and Records, Room 11NBB-4210.

Form Date _____

Name of Requester NINA BELL

FOIA Request Number FOIA-83-515

ORGANIZATION	DIRECT TIME FOR SEARCH		ALL OTHER ACTIVITY ^{2/}
	Clerical ^{1/}	Professional	

COPY REPRODUCTION

ORGANIZATION	NUMBER OF PAGES REPRODUCED

COMPUTER SEARCH

Report actual machine time and applicable cost rate for machine used.

^{1/} Includes only the time actually spent in searching for or locating documents.

^{2/} Includes the time spent reviewing documents for exempt information, conferring with the staff, reproduction, etc.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
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Freedom of Information Act Request

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 522, as amended, the Coalition for Safe Power requests the following documents regarding nuclear power plants on which construction has ceased but which continue to hold valid construction permits. Please provide all documents (including studies, reports, correspondence and memoranda etc.) regarding:

1. NRC Staff studies, analyses or appraisals of potential problems (including safety, quality assurance etc.) confronting "mothballed" nuclear construction projects.
2. NRC Staff studies or concerns regarding the problem of equipment deterioration during construction delays, including the factor of length of time.
3. NRC Staff analyses of the effect of substantial construction delays at nuclear projects on the validity of cost-benefit findings made under NEPA.
- ✓ 4. NRC Staff memoranda regarding the deferral of the Washington Public Power Supply System No. 3 project.
- ✓ 5. NRC Staff memoranda regarding the placing of the Washington Public Power Supply System No. 3 project into a "preservation" or "mothballed" state.
- ✓ 6. In the "Analysis of Alternatives Related to WNP-3" May 26, 1983 by the Bonneville Power Administration, at page 40 it is stated that it is possible that "an additional 2- to 7-year deferral, beyond 1991, of the licensing of WNP-1" could occur.

Provide all information in the NRC Staff's possession regarding this additional delay in the construction of the

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WNP-1 project.

7. The Washington Public Power Supply System has informed the NRC that construction of the WNP-3 plant has been deferred and further that it is seeking a source of funding in the next three to nine months (following the date of deferral). Provide all information in the possession of the Staff which addresses the length of time of deferral, potential financing by the Bonneville Power Administration and difficulties in financing WNP-3.

In our opinion, it is appropriate in this case for you to waive copying and search charges, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A) "because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefitting the general public." Following is the information required by 10 CFR 9.14(c) to make a determination on a fee waiver for search charges for the records in the above request.

1. The information obtained from these records will be used in the operating license proceedings for Washington Public Power Supply System Nos. 1 and 3 and the construction permit extension of WNP-1 in which the Coalition for Safe Power is an intervenor. Such information will be the subject of media attention because of the proceeding as well as, if warranted, being the subject of news releases and news conferences.

2. The size of the public that will benefit by the disclosure is the public of Washington and Oregon who are affected by the continuation of construction of the WPPSS projects. The Coalition is well known and respected as a source of information by the press of the region.

3. The public will benefit from use of this information because it will be used in the above-referenced proceedings before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The information is also of public interest and will be disseminated through the media if appropriate.

4. The Coalition will receive no financial benefit from use of the requested materials; the organization distributes information and educational materials free of charge.

5. The Coalition is a non-profit tax exempt organization. It relies upon donations and sales of small merchandise items.

6. (i) If the information received has environmental or safety significance it will be applicable to the above-reference proceedings therefore resulting in actions which will maintain or improve the public health, safety and welfare.

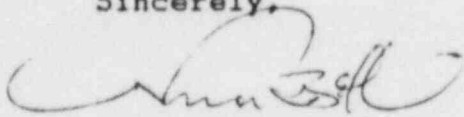
(ii) A regulatory process is improved when an intervenor is present and able to contribute to the proceeding to the fullest extent possible. Thus the requested records will improve the licensing process for the WNP-1 and WNP-3 projects.

(iii) N/A

(iv) Insofar as specific issues of nuclear power safety and the Washington Public Power Supply System are and will continue to be matters of great interest and public debate in the Pacific Northwest, this information will contribute to the debate and any policy decisions which may be made. Such information will raise the quality of the public debate over the WPPSS nuclear projects.

(v) N/A

Sincerely,



Nina Bell
Staff Intervenor

cc: File