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Record Description:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting copies of the following documents:

Any and all Department of Energy logs of correspondence between January 1, 2004 and August 9, 2005. If possible, I would like logs of any correspondence specifically related to the department's loan guarantee program. If that is not possible, I'd like all correspondence logs, including but not limited to logs of meetings, phone calls, e-mails, memos, faxes, etc.

Ideally, we would prefer these records electronically (for example, Microsoft Word files, Microsoft Excel files, tab delimited, comma delimited.)

If that is not possible, we will accept paper records.

Please note that the Department of Energy has previously granted me a fee waiver on the basis that I am a member of the news media.

Preferred Form or Format: CSV files (Excel compatible) or word processing documents (Microsoft Word-compatible)

Type of Requester (if provided):

A representative of the news media affiliated with Subsidyscope.com and the Sunlight Foundation and the request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

Type of Media (if provided):

Other: Web site

Fees and Fee Waivers:

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

Waiver or Reduction of Fees Factors (if provided):

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

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The requested records concern details about a large and important federal program.

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

The requested records will be used to build a publicly-accessible web-based database of government programs. The aim of our site is to make government activities transparent to citizens and the general public.

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

Since its inception, the Sunlight Foundation has funded many projects that have broadened public knowledge about government, including Congresspedia.org, Open Congress, etc. We also funded OMB Watch, which created www.fedspending.org, which gets about 1 million searches per month. Subsidyscope.com, the project that I'm requesting these records for, has been live since January, and has featured stories that have advanced citizens' knowledge of the financial bailout, including stories on the TARP program, the Federal Home Loan Banks, etc. Our work receives wide press coverage, including mentions in the Washington Post, the New York Times and the Financial Times. We expect our future stories to receive similar coverage.

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

The loan guarantee program about which we are requesting disclosure is potentially worth billions of federal dollars. Knowing who is participating in the program is of importance to taxpayers and citizens.

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

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6. The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

See above.

Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing: