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Record Description:

Briefing records prepared for and/or provided to the incoming administration referencing hydroelectric projects in Canada, and potential energy sales to the U.S.

Preferred Form or Format: Paper and/or electronic

Type of Requester (if provided):

A representative of the news media affiliated with the St. John's Telegram (Canada) and the request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

Type of Media (if provided):

Newspaper

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."

Energy is an important issue in North America now, as highlighted by President Obama. There are a number of Canadian hydro projects in development that could provide clean energy to the U.S.

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.

Yes. See No. 1 above.

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.

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Laþrador, Canada, with weekend circulation of 50,000 in a province of just 500,000.

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.

Yes.

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

No. Media request, no commercial interest.

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."

No. Media request, no commercial interest.

Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing: