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Record Description:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act 5US CS52, I request access to the following documents:

Copies of all congressional correspondence between the Department of Energy and any member of Congress ~~or staff member of Congress~~ between February 19, 2009 and July 17, 2009.

that relates to the (Subject: Recovery Act or Stimulus Money)

Preferred Form or Format: electronic/pdf

Type of Requester (if provided):

A representative of the news media affiliated with CBS News and the request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

Type of Media (if provided):

Other: Network Television

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."

Seeking information about Congressional communication with the Dept of Energy

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.

It will show how members of Congress interact with the Department of Energy

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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I am a member of the media.

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.

Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government activities and operations.

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."

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Expedited Processing:

I believe a compelling need exists to warrant expedited processing because there is:

an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity exists (this option available ONLY for requesters primarily engaged in disseminating information)

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing:

Please provide expedited review of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist I am primarily engaged in disseminating information.