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Record Description:

Jamestown Board of Public Utilities and/or New York Oxy-Coal Alliance application for US DOE "Clean Coal Power Initiative -- Round 3" funding to finance the drilling or one or more test wells to identify CO2 reservoir(s) for the Jamestown NY coal-fired power plant carbon capture and storage demonstration project, submitted for the August 24, 2009 deadline.

Preferred Form or Format: electronic

Type of Requester (if provided):

An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

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."

This information has been withheld from the public by the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities even though it should be public information and is part of a process which could lead to building an unneeded power plant which could be a great burden to ratepayers. Release of this information will lift veil on this secretive government process now underway that involves local government and now the US DOE.

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.

This information is essential to understanding the nature of the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities request for federal funding and the nature of the proposed project itself and thus is very likely to contribute to an understanding of government activities which to the present have been secretive.

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.

We are committed to sharing this information publicly to help the general public better understand the planning process for this new controversial power plant

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.

This is an essential document in the process of public understanding and thus far it has not been disclosed to the public.

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

I/we have 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."

Again, I/we have no commercial interest. Our interest is public disclosure of government activity and a desire to prevent harm from being done electric ratepayers.

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:

There is great concern that if DOE funds this application and another application for larger amounts of public dollars to promote a proposed and unneeded new power plant that great harm will occur to electric ratepayers of the Jamestown NY Board of Public Utilities and thus expeditious disclosure is essential to help concerned citizens establish and share with the DOE their arguments against this funding application.

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Record Description:

Jamestown (NY) Board of Public Utilities and/or New York Oxy-Coal Alliance application for US DOE "Clean Coal Power Initiative -- Round 3" funding for the Jamestown NY coal-fired power plant carbon capture and storage demonstration project, submitted for the August 24, 2009 deadline.

Preferred Form or Format: electronic

Type of Requester (if provided):

An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

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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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.

This information is essential to understanding the nature of the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities request for federal funding and the nature of the proposed project itself and thus is very likely to contribute to an understanding of government activities which to the present have been secretive.

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Expedited Processing:

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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:

There is great concern that if DOE funds this application great harm will occur to electric ratepayers of the Jamestown NY Board of Public Utilities and thus expeditious disclosure is essential to help concerned citizens establish and share with the DOE their arguments against this funding application.

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Record Description:

Praxair, Inc./Oxy-Coal Alliance application for US DOE "Clean Coal Power Initiative -- Round 3" funding for the Jamestown NY coal-fired power plant carbon capture and storage demonstration project, submitted in December 2008 or January 2009.

Preferred Form or Format: electronic

Type of Requester (if provided):

An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

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."

This information has been withheld from the public by Praxair, inc. and the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities even though it should be public information and is part of a process which could lead to building an unneeded power plant which could be a great burden to ratepayers. Release of this information will lift veil on this secretive government process now underway that involves local government and now the US DOE.

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.

This information is essential to understanding the nature of the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities request for federal funding and the nature of the proposed project itself and thus is very likely to contribute to an understanding of government activities which to the present have been secretive.

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.

We are committed to sharing this information publicly to help the general public better understand the planning process for this new controversial power plant.

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I have no commercial interest.

Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing: