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Re: Freedom of Information Act request regarding Asia-Pacific Partnership

Dear Mr. Faircloth:

This is a final response to your August 4, 2005 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received by the Council on Environmental Quality ("CEQ") on August 12, 2005 (email). You requested all records related to or that reference the following:

- CEQ internal documentation and/or correspondence to outside organizations, officials, or relevant parties concerning the Asia-Pacific Partnership for Clean Development and Climate.
- Negotiations and/or correspondence relating to any climate agreement proposals between the U.S. and any of the following nations: Australia; China; India; Japan; and South Korea.
- Correspondence concerning the CEQ's efforts, plans or proposals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that reference any other nations in addition to the ones previously listed.

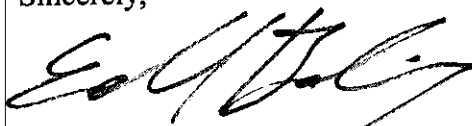
You also asked that all charges for supplying the requested documents be estimated in advance and that you be notified before we completed the process if that estimate exceeded two hundred dollars (\$200.00). On November 29, 2005 we provided an estimate which included an estimate of the cost of an email search. On January 6, 2006 you requested a fee waiver via email. In our January 6, 2006 email reply we requested confirmation of our interpretation of the scope of your request. Your email response on January 9, 2006 confirmed our interpretation and noted that you were not requesting CEQ undertake an email search.

At this time CEQ is releasing nineteen (19) documents, totaling two hundred and thirteen (213) pages, in their entirety. We are releasing an additional sixteen (16) documents, totaling one

hundred forty-seven (147) pages, with redactions. The redactions are of non-responsive material and of material exempt from disclosure pursuant to title 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2) and (b)(5). Two hundred and two (202) documents, totaling six hundred forty-seven (647) pages, are being withheld pursuant to title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5). Your request for a fee waiver is granted.

This completes our response to your request. If you are dissatisfied with our action on this request you may appeal it by writing to the CEQ FOIA Appeals Officer, 722 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, within 45 days of the date of this letter (because of problems with mail transmittal, we suggest that you also fax any such appeal to Dinah Bear at (202) 456-0753). Thank you for your cooperation throughout this process.

Sincerely,



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Deputy General Counsel
Freedom of Information Officer