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Record Description:

RE: FOIA request for DOE's monthly electric bills

Dear Energy Department FOIA Office:

I am seeking information about DOE's monthly electricity bills and usage over the past three years. I would like information about amount of electricity used and costs paid on a monthly basis. I am seeking the information in order to evaluate how things are going so far with the solar panels put on DOE's rooftop in September.

I am a journalist and am requesting this information for the purpose of possible public dissemination in a news article and therefore request that you waive charges pursuant to 5 USC 552 (a) (4) (A), Fed. Reg. 7296, Section 1900.25. I work for Dow Jones Newswires. My office is at 1025 Connecticut Ave, Suite 800, Washington, D.C., 20036.

If you deny this request for a waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges so that I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my request for a waiver of charges.

As I am making this request in the capacity of a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have any questions regarding this request.

Thank you very much for your time. Please call me at (202) 862-6654 or e-mail me at siobhan.hughes@dowjones.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Preferred Form or Format: electronic

Type of Requester (if provided):

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

Type of Media (if provided):

Other: wire service

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."

it concerns DOE's electricity bills

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 help the public understand the significance of government efforts to use solar 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.

I plan to write a news article

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.

I feel my story will contribute significantly

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 don't have any financial stake in the outcome of the story

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."

This request wouldn't be viewed to be primarily in the commercial interest of the requester

Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing: