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Certified Mail

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Ms. Jenna Greene  
National Law Journal  
1730 M Street, NW, Suite 802  
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Dear Ms. Greene:

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2011-01301)**

Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Headquarters FOIA Office, has been forwarded to this office for response. In your request you asked for a record of all payments to outside law firms, including Kirkland & Ellis, in connection to the In re Hanford Litigation which began in 1991.

Your request is granted and enclosed are the documents we have located that are responsive to the request. The Litigation Management Tracking System (LMTS) was instituted in the early 1990s. The pages attached include printouts starting in 1992. However, there were no costs entered into LMTS for 1992, nor did LMTS contain any pages for 1991. However, we believe the costs for these early years were eventually included in LMTS, although apparently in lump sums, rather than with attention to specific firms or specific type of expenditures (e.g., in fiscal year 1993, Kirkland & Ellis is assigned the totality of costs for that year, when the firm represented a relatively small percentage of the legal fees in 1993). We believe the total costs included in these pages are generally reflective of all payments to outside law firms in connection with In re Hanford.

In your letter, you agreed to pay up to \$50.00 for fees associated with the processing of your request. For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(3), as a news media requester. Requesters in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost. 53 pages of documents are being provided to you, therefore, there is no charge for this response.

Should you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me on (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dorothy Riehle".

Dorothy Riehle  
Freedom of Information Act Officer  
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Enclosure