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The following is a New FOIA request:

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Description of Request: Request copy of contracts for private industrial facilities within Cowlitz County selling/providing excess power produced to BPA or through BPA to private purchasers which may include regional public utility districts. These may be subscription contracts or spot market contracts. Specifically, Weyerhaeuser Longview is producing and selling power on the market through BPA lines, and Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging is proposing to build a power generation facility for such a purpose. These power generation facilities are included in BPA's inventory of available power capacity. We are searching for contract terms, capacity information, dates of renewal and expiration, and terms of sales if available.

Preferred format: PDF

Type of Requester: Scholarly

I request a fee Waiver

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because my request concerns "the operations or activities of the government" as explained below:

This information will be used to assist in the determination of the value of these facilities for purposes of property taxes. These property taxes will affect the levy rates for the population of Cowlitz County and its operations and subdistricts.

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities as explained below:

By statute, special purpose facilities such as industrial facilities where comparable sales are difficult to utilize in the valuation process, the income method is valuable in determining the value of a facility. The income derived from a property would include any power sales generated from steam generators where the steam is resultant from boilers, either recovery boilers or bio-fuel boilers (hog fuel, etc.) These power sales have made significant contributions to the cash flow of the underlying assets being valued.

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because an understanding by the general public of the subject is likely to result from disclosure, taking into account my ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the

subject matter as explained below:

This information would be considered by the Assessor's office as confidential from public disclosure subject to statutory guidelines for confidential information used in the income method of valuation.

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities as explained below:

see response above.

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because of a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so:

Not applicable, there is no commercial interest. This is a government entity performing its statutory duty to assign value based on the best information available.

I request a waiver or reduction of fees because 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." as explained below:

Not applicable, there is no commercial interest. The interest is in the correct determination of value for purposes of equitable valuation amongst Cowlitz County taxpayers.

If denied a waiver or reduction, I Agree to pay up to 200.00