

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: CHAIRMAN SVINICKI
SUBJECT: COMSECY-18-0020: Biennial Review of Freedom of Information Act Fees

Approved XX Disapproved Abstain Not Participating

Comments: Below XX Attached None

I approve the staff's recommendation to continue the current methodology for calculating FOIA search and review fees. I further approve the staff's proposal to update the codified pay levels used to calculate fees through the process of a direct final rule.



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RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: Commissioner Baran
SUBJECT: COMSECY-18-0020: Biennial Review of Freedom of Information Act Fees


Approved Disapproved Abstain Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached None

In this paper, the NRC staff recommends proceeding with a direct final rule to update the fees NRC charges for the search and review of agency records in response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. NRC's charges are based on separate hourly rates for clerical staff, professional/managerial staff, and senior executives or Commissioners. These hourly rates have not been updated since 2010. A recent review by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer determined that the hourly rates should be adjusted to account for the current actual average pay levels of the staff performing FOIA searches and reviews. I agree with the staff that the FOIA fees should be updated to recover the current costs associated with responding to FOIA requests. Because the staff does not expect significant adverse comments on a rule to make this adjustment, I approve the staff's recommendation to proceed with a direct final rule.

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RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: Commissioner Burns
SUBJECT: COMSECY-18-0020: Biennial Review of Freedom of Information Act Fees

Approved Disapproved Abstain Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached None

I approve the NRC staff's intended continuation of the methodology for calculating FOIA search and review fees, and I approve the staff's execution of an update to the fees through a direct final rule.



Signature
18 September 2018

Date

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Yes
No

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TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM:

SUBJECT: COMSECY-18-0020: Biennial Review of Freedom of Information Act Fees


Approved XX Disapproved ___ Abstain ___ Not Participating ___

Comments: Below XX Attached ___ None ___

I approve the staff's proposal to update the fees charged in response to FOIA requests through a direct final rule.

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RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: Commissioner Wright

SUBJECT: COMSECY-18-0020: Biennial Review of Freedom of Information Act Fees

Approved X Disapproved Abstain Not Participating

Comments: Below X Attached None

I approve the staff's recommendation to issue a direct final rule to update the fees charged by the NRC for searching and reviewing agency records in response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to reflect the current costs of performing the work.

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Yes ✓ No



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