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TO: John Barry, Kristin Dohrer
RE: Activist Network Grant Proposal Project

The Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility is seeking a \$2,500 grant and provides the following information as requested by the Sierra Club. We appreciate this opportunity to seek support for our mission of addressing nuclear issues of concern not only to the Sierra Club—and California—but to the nation at large.

Below we have provided answers the Sierra Club's questions:

1. To pass legislation requiring California's nuclear utilities to address *all costs of continued operation* before receiving ratepayer funding for license renewal. Addressing the economics of nuclear power *is not preempted by federal authority*, and we hope this legislation will provide a template and precedent for other states with aging reactors.
2. Current law does not require a new environmental review before granting funding to operate aging reactors for any additional period of time beyond current licenses (2022 for San Onofre and 2024/25 for Diablo Canyon). In the wake of Fukushima and the ongoing outages at San Onofre due to defective replacement parts and lax oversight, nuclear power—particularly in a seismic zone like California—can no longer be “assumed” to be *reliable* and *economical*.
3. Lobbying California legislators to support legislation (local and state officials). We will also mobilize and engage local residents to seek resolutions from city councils, school boards and other related organizations in each legislator's home districts.
4. Work to develop informed activists as well as training others to enhance lobbying skills. This will provide a challenge, as the base of support for opposition to nuclear power has not traditionally focused on *economic* issues. However, for those who do undertake this educational opportunity, they will find themselves expanding their outreach by learning how to craft arguments *to address and engage potentially non-traditional allies* such as chambers of commerce, Rotary groups and unions, all of which are indispensable to passing legislation.
5. We anticipate spending \$5,000 for travel expenses. Our request is for \$2,500 and the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility will provide matching funds and cover staff expenses.
6. We are applying for C-4 funding.

Respectfully submitted,

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From: Executive Committee, Santa Lucia Chapter
Re: Sierra Club Activist Network Grant

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The Santa Lucia Chapter has been pleased to work closely with the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility since its inception, and to help fund its projects and campaigns.

The laser-like focus of Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility on a single strategy to achieve a single goal has yielded an impressive roster of achievements, all the more so when measured against its modest resources and few personnel. That record of activism and achievement, and Alliance co-founder Rochelle Becker's work on the Sierra Club's National Radiation Committee and Nuclear Power Task Force and as chair of the Santa Lucia Chapter's Diablo Canyon Task Force, is the reason why the Chapter bestowed our Founders award on Ms. Becker, and Congresswoman Lois Capps awarded her a Congressional certificate of recognition. The Sierra Club bestowed the 2007 Environmental Alliance award on Ms. Becker in recognition of her capacity to build alliances and promote community understanding of the need to decommission nuclear power as part of our transition to a renewable energy economy.

Few groups in the nation are as completely aligned with the Sierra Club's policy on nuclear energy, and are as passionately and effectively dedicated to the implementation of that policy. We are pleased to recommend the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility as a recipient for the Activist Network grant so that they may continue to carry on their exemplary work.