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RE: Activist Network Grant Proposal Project ROUND TWO

The Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility is seeking a $2,500 grant and provides the following information as requested by the Sierra Club for Round Two of the grant submission process.

PRINCIPLE GOAL:

1. To pass SB 418, legislation requiring California’s nuclear utilities to address all costs of continued operation before receiving ratepayer funding for license renewal. Addressing these economic issues is not preempted by federal authority and we hope this legislation will provide a template and precedent for other states with aging reactors. By forcing an economic analysis of nuclear power, it is believed the “numbers” will not add up, and the state can prohibit ratepayer money from being used by utilities. The benefit is that it ends the use of nuclear power in California by 2022 and 2024/25. That means no further high level radioactive waste will be accumulating on the seismically hazardous Pacific coast and decommissioning can begin.

We anticipate developing 10 new leaders from key Orange County, San Diego and San Luis Obispo reactors communities. Training will involve providing research and strategies regarding the economic impacts of nuclear power. This is challenging, because traditional grass-roots support for nuclear power has focused on safety and health consequences. Thus, we will be looking to create leaders from non-traditional groups such as realtors, Rotary Club and small business owners (who pay the highest electrical rates). A4NR has been meeting and speaking to these group functions for three years. We will begin to cull our list of contacts and use these grant funds to travel to Orange County and begin training for the 2013 legislative session.

We have already been assured of support for legislation from the California State Chapter of the Sierra Club, and have already had a conference call with the Southern California Club leadership to discuss actions they can take to support this effort.

2. The work plan follows the official introduction of the legislation (March 15, 2013):
   a. Organize group meeting in Orange County for selected leaders (early April)
   b. Explain legislative goal, provide research materials and strategies
   c. Leaders will identify upcoming city/county council meeting dates and prepare to attend public comment and request local letters of support for legislation
   d. April-May: new leaders will work to get local letters of support (given the time it takes to agendize these issues, we anticipate needed 4-6 weeks)
   e. Leaders will travel to Sacramento (as available) for key hearing dates on legislation (Senate and Assembly energy committees); while in Sacramento they will lobby individual legislators from theirs and neighboring districts—through August 2013.
3. Volunteer position: Southern California coordinator….we will need one individual in Southern California who can build a database of all the political and legislative contacts the new leaders will be meeting, and keep an organized calendar of all pending city/county meetings and track the status of the requested support letters from the different government and civic organizations that are being asked for endorsements.

4. We have been guaranteed the support of the California Sierra Club (state level). We have also received the endorsement of the CLEAN Coalition and the Mayor of San Diego. Likely support will soon follow from Physicians for Social Responsibility, Environment California and CalPIRG, all of whom have supported our past efforts.

5. BUDGET: The budget reflects mostly travel costs, necessitated by the size of the state and the distance from the affected reactor communities to the state capitol. Our goal is to take at least 4 members from the new leaders group on 3 key trips to Sacramento (Senate hearing; Assembly hearing; final hearing). It is anticipated that the local leaders will use their own funds for attending local meetings though we will have a budget to address photocopies and other incidentals they may need in their presentations.

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As indicated in our initial application, A4NR requests $2500 and will match the balance. We have received notice of ongoing support for 2013 in the amount of a monthly donation of $1000 from the Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Cooperative of San Diego.

6. We have never received Activist Network funding before. A4NR was established in 2005, with a mission statement to prevent nuclear reactor license renewals in California. Our first legislative effort was AB 1632 (2006) a bi-partisan bill that required a cost benefit study of nuclear power, including seismic risks, which is still ongoing and received more attention after Fukushima. We have also filed as intervenors at the California Public Utilities Commission, and in 2010 opposed Pacific Gas & Electric’s request for ratepayer funded license renewal. The judge agreed and in 2011, PG&E’s request was rejected. This current legislative effort builds on the previous two victories and will hopefully be the final action needed to codify and prevent license renewal for these aging plants. This is a slower path (using state jurisdiction) but as the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the federal government have taken no steps to insure our ability to rely on these reactors, we believe it will be successful. As such, we very much would welcome your support of our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

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