

Subject: Comments regarding 'Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications Resulting from Federally Funded Research'

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I am the Editor in Chief of The Electricity Journal, a peer-reviewed scholarly publication. We sometimes receive papers from authors who have conducted research that was federally funded. I feel compelled to respond to your initiative and offer the following:

Any government attempt to establish peer review research reporting policies should be accomplished with full participation of all stakeholders to insure the integrity of the scientific research. Our goal is simply to have a fair system that allows access to research articles to advance knowledge. There is required a considerable investment to maintain the highest standards for peer-reviewed scientific publications by publishers. A sustainable mechanism is required to enable these systems to work without bias. Access policies must take these costs into account, and it is critically important that any new policies do not damage the publishing institutions on which the Federal Government and science depend.

Respectfully submitted,

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