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Mr. Eugene Shlatz
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Dear Mr. Shlatz:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on April 11, 2018, to testify at the hearing entitled "Update on the Restoration of Puerto Rico's Electric Infrastructure."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Thursday, May 24, 2018. Your responses should be mailed to Ali Fulling, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Ali.Fulling@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Gregg Harper
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: The Honorable Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Gregg Harper

1. Do you know of any private companies willing to spend billions to modernize the grid in a situation where they are completely uncertain of payment, population stability, and rate stability?
2. Does Puerto Rico currently have a strong, independent regulator to set rates fairly and keep them stabilized in this uncertain environment?

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.

1. Could you please describe who wrote the Build Back Better report, and how they intended for it to be used?
2. The Build Back Better report states that Puerto Rico's grid should be redesigned to withstand an upper Category 4 event, and proposes ten measures to help achieve this goal. What do you believe are the most important of these recommendations?
3. In your estimation, what are the greatest disparities between the current state of the grid and where it needs to be to withstand an upper Category 4 hurricane?
4. The Build Back Better report suggests that it may cost as much as \$17.6 billion to rebuild the power system at this level. This total includes, among other things, an estimated \$5.3 billion to rebuild overhead power distribution lines, \$4.3 billion for overhead transmission lines, and \$3.1 billion to rebuild power generation facilities and harden them for greater storm resiliency in the future. How did the Build Back Better Working Group arrive at these cost estimates?
5. Is it possible that issues may arise that would cause these estimates to increase?
6. Would the Build Back Better report recommendations to modernize the grid lower electricity rates for individuals and businesses on island? If so, how?
7. How would incorporating battery storage into Puerto Rico's grid improve its resiliency?
8. What role does battery storage play in minimizing the costs of importing fossil fuels to an island like Puerto Rico?
9. How could battery storage be incorporated into future efforts to increase renewable energy generation on the island?