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Mr. Christopher A. Smith  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

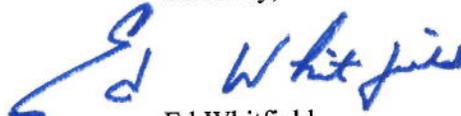
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Power on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled "U.S. Energy Abundance: Regulatory, Market, and Legal Barriers to Export."

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. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions by the close of business on Thursday, July 25, 2013. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at [Nick.Abraham@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nick.Abraham@mail.house.gov) and mailed to Nick Abraham, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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

Sincerely,



Ed Whitfield  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy and Power

cc: The Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Ranking Member,  
Subcommittee on Energy and Power

Attachment

**The Honorable Joe Barton**

1. Is DOE statutorily obligated to consider the cumulative impact of liquefied natural gas export authorizations? Please provide the legal argument defending your position.
2. Please define “cumulative impact” as referred to in the Freeport LNG Order (DOE/FE Order No. 3282).
3. Please list the factors that DOE will consider in the cumulative impact analysis.
4. Please describe how DOE would evaluate economic, international and environmental considerations in each of the following scenarios. Please include any additional criteria DOE would consider. Your comments will aid in the illustration of DOE policy regarding review of the public interest standard.
  - a. Company A applies for authorization to export LNG to a non-FTA country seeking to prevent gas supply interruptions by reducing its dependence on geopolitically unstable regions.
  - b. Company B applies for authorization to export LNG to a non-FTA country seeking to diversify its gas supply routes in order to negotiate a lower price from another supplier.
  - c. Company C applies for authorization to export LNG to a non-FTA country seeking to diversify its energy portfolio in order to meet environmental goals.
  - d. Company D applies for authorization to export LNG to a non-FTA country seeking to supply a new natural gas power plant that will provide villages with reliable and affordable electricity for the first time.