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The Honorable Ernest J. Moniz
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Moniz:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Power on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled "The Obama Administration's Climate Change Policies and Activities."

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 Friday, November 8, 2013. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at 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
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cc: The Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Ranking Member,
Subcommittee on Energy and Power

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Joe Barton

1. According to an Aug. 29 *Bloomberg press report*, certain EU Members sought to exclude from the final summary document for the upcoming IPCC assessment any reference to the global warming “hiatus” or “pause” that has occurred over the last 15 years. According to that article, U.S. regulators are also trying to make certain changes to the summary document.
 - a. What is DOE’s role with regard to the development of the IPCC assessment?
 - b. Did DOE participate with other U.S. regulators in developing comments on the summary document?
 - c. What changes to the summary document did DOE and U.S. regulators propose?
2. For the President’s Climate Action Plan, has there been an assessment done of the costs to the government to fully implement the plan? If yes, what is the estimated cost?
3. For President’s Climate Action Plan, has there been an assessment done of the costs to consumers to fully implement the plan? If yes, what is the estimated cost?
4. Describe the climate change related research and technology programs or activities engaged in by your agency, including programs or activities undertaken with other Federal agencies.
5. Describe the climate change adaptation, mitigation, or sustainability related activities engaged in by your agency, including activities undertaken with other Federal agencies.
6. Identify all climate change related interagency task forces, advisory committees, working groups, and initiatives in which your agency currently participates or has participated since January 2005.
7. Identify all climate change or clean energy related funding, grants or financial assistance programs in which your agency currently participates or has participated, and the amounts of climate change or clean energy related funding, grants, or financial assistance distributed by your agency, if any, since January 2005.
8. Identify all climate change related regulations or guidance documents, including regulations or standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, issued, or proposed by your agency since January 2005, and/or under development by your agency.
9. Identify all climate change related international negotiations, agreements, partnerships, working groups, or initiatives in which your agency currently or has previously participated, and the role of your agency in those activities, since January 2005.
10. Provide the approximate amount of annual agency funds attributed to climate change activities for each of the years 2005 through 2012.
11. Describe the actions your agency has undertaken to respond to the Executive Order 13514 including the approximate costs, personnel, and other resources dedicated by your agency to implementing this executive order.
12. Provide a list of each sub-agency, division and/or program office within your agency that is currently engaged in climate change related activities, and provide an estimate of the approximate number of your

agency employees and/or contractors currently engaged part-time or full-time in climate change related activities.

The Honorable Cory Gardner

The Energy Star program has been used by consumers for many years as a guide to purchase sensible, energy efficient products. In Administrator McCarthy's previous role as Assistant Administrator for Air, she oversaw the entire Energy Star program. Historically, industry and retailers in the Windows, Doors and Skylights sector have strongly supported the program. However, today virtually all are questioning both the process for revising product standards and, as a result, the standards themselves.

Manufacturers and retailers believe that, in the name of saving the most energy possible, the EPA proposed Energy Star standards can only be met by products too expensive for consumers to justify the added expense. This is especially true when the payback period is significantly longer than the average length of time a homeowner stays in their house.

1. If manufacturers and retailers, who are closer to the consumer than Energy Star technicians, believe there is a problem, how can the program be successful?
2. Isn't it in the interests of the retailers and manufacturers to promote the most energy efficient AND economically efficient product possible?
3. Energy Star products cost more than other products. So, if the President believes that everyone has a role in reducing greenhouse gases emissions, then how does it make sense to discourage consumers from purchasing Energy Star products, since they won't see that added investment paid back for a decade or more?

The Honorable John D. Dingell

1. Does DOE see a future for coal as a viable energy source in light of the impending greenhouse gas regulations?
2. What is DOE doing on potential shortages of electric power because of the actions being taken on global warming and how that will affect our future regarding the availability and reliability of electric power?