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Mr. Jim Burpee
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Dear Mr. Burpee:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Power on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled "H.R. 3301, the North American Energy Infrastructure Act."

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 Monday, December 11, 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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Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power

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

Attachment

The Honorable Robert E. Latta

1. Your testimony emphasizes the importance of modernizing the permitting process to facilitate the siting and construction of cross-border transmission projects.

    a. How would modernizing the permitting process facilitate such development?

    b. What recommendations do you have for modernizing the permitting process?

    c. Would you agree that H.R. 3301 takes an important step towards achieving such objectives?

2. You note in your testimony that electric utilities in both Canada and the U.S. are projecting large investment needs in grid-related infrastructure, correct?

    a. Would you agree that the permitting process for trans-boundary transmission lines can at times be overly burdensome, confusing and unnecessarily lengthy?

    b. Would you agree that such problems could have a chilling effect on future investment in critical cross-border infrastructure?

3. What steps has Canada taken to improve its permitting process for the siting and construction of energy infrastructure? What lessons has Canada learned from trying to streamline its permitting process and what recommendations would you offer to the United States as we seek to improve our energy infrastructure permitting processes?