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Dear Mr. Kouba:

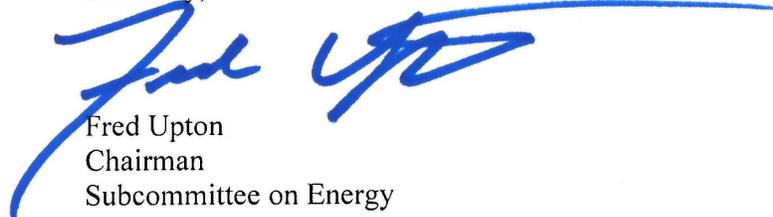
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled "Powering America: Reevaluating PURPA's Objectives and its Effects on Today's Consumers."

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 with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Monday, November 6, 2017. Your responses should be mailed to Allie Bury, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Allie.Bury@mail.house.gov.

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

Sincerely,



Fred Upton
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy

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

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Fred Upton

1. State policies are driving growth in renewable generation. Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), tax credits, competitive procurement requirements, and net metering programs are just a few of them.
 - a. In light of these more recent pro-renewable policies and mandates (since 1978), do we still need PURPA to drive renewable development?
2. If we set aside PURPA for a moment, do you believe that state policies (*including integrated resource planning (IRP), competitive procurement requirements, net metering, and renewable portfolio standards*) are stable enough to provide a reliable investment climate for renewable generation?
3. As it stands now, under section 292 of FERC's regulations (18 CFR § 292), the "one-mile rule" is not rebuttable and utilities have little recourse to challenge QF projects that attempt to game this restriction.
 - a. Should FERC revise its regulations to allow utilities to demonstrate that a QF developer is attempting to split a single large project into multiple smaller ones to receive the benefits of PURPA?
4. We've heard about situations where a host utility has no need for additional power, but are nevertheless required to purchase the QF output under section 210 of PURPA (i.e, the mandatory purchase obligation).
 - a. How does a utility respond in these types of situations?
 - b. Should state commissions be able to suspend the mandatory purchase requirement in situations where it determines that the utility does not need the QF output in order to meet its obligation to serve load?