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Mr. Christopher Mansour
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Dear Mr. Mansour:

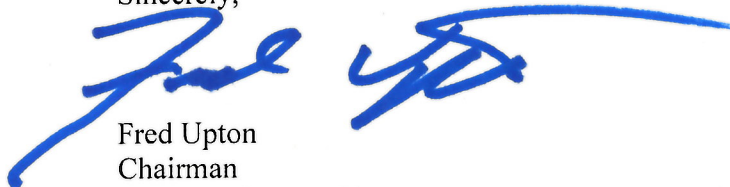
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled "Part II: Powering America: Defining Reliability in a Transforming Electricity Industry."

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 13, 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 Richard Hudson

1. The solar industry has seen incredible growth in my home state of North Carolina over the past few years. In fact, we are currently ranked 2nd in the nation for solar energy capacity.
 - a. Mr. Mansour, can you explain more about the role solar energy plays in maintaining a reliable and resilient electricity system?

The Honorable Peter Welch

1. In DOE's recent request that FERC raise the price of so called "baseload power" to keep coal and nuclear plants online, the agency says it's necessary because of "energy outages expected to result from the loss of this fuel-secure generation" and because of "recognition that organized markets do not pay generators for all the attributes they provide."
 - a. Whether or not that is true, do you believe generators of solar, wind, and energy storage are compensated fully for their attributes in wholesale markets?
 - b. Do wholesale markets price any electricity source based on their attributes and how they benefit the public?
 - c. Do you think DOE is suggesting that FERC create a Value of Coal Tariff to price in non-monetizable attributes?"