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Mr. Mark Vanderhelm Vice President of Energy Walmart 702 S.W. 8th Street Bentonville, AR 72716

Dear Mr. Vanderhelm:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Thursday, October 5, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled "Powering America: Consumer Oriented Perspectives on Improving the Nation's Electricity Markets."

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

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

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Fred Upton

- 1. In your testimony you talk about *Texas Retail Energy*, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Walmart which directly serves Walmart stores.
 - a. Will you describe how Walmart is directly participating in wholesale markets? And what benefits does this provide?
 - b. Is Walmart able to participate in wholesale markets in all areas of the Country? If not, what is preventing Walmart from doing so?