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Dear Ms. Sidhom:

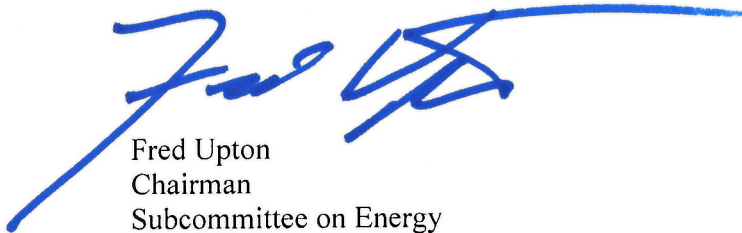
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on November 29, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled "Powering America: Examining the Role of Financial Trading in the Electricity Markets."

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 Tuesday, January 9, 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. Financial trading institutions, such as yours, execute financial trades with the purpose of making a profit. When your company makes money from a financial transaction, such as an FTR, where does your payout come from? Do consumers pay for your payout through their electricity bills?
2. What potential market or regulatory reforms should Congress or FERC be considering in order to increase the market benefits associated with financial trading?
3. In your testimony, you stated that FTR revenue inadequacy is caused by a market design flaw that needs to be resolved. While PJM's Market Monitor has also stated that the current market design needs to be reformed, he believes that any changes should ensure that load receives all the congestion revenues. How do you respond?
4. In your written testimony, you stated that the hardware and software used by the RTOs is inadequate and outdated – you provided an example where PJM was a week late in solving its FTR auction. Is the solution simply for the RTOs and ISOs to focus time and money on this issue, or is something else holding them back?
5. In your testimony, you recommend that FERC's enforcement office should make publicly available the screens they use to identify targets for investigation. However, if FERC reveals its methods to flag misbehavior, would this not give bad actors a roadmap to avoid FERC's policing of suspicious trading activity?