

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement – “Truth in Testimony”
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Armond Cohen		
2. Your Title: Executive Director		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: Clean Air Task Force, Inc.		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity? (If “Yes,” skip Item 5 and Item 6.)	Yes	No X
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2020. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. N/A		
6. Are you a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing? (I serve on the Board of Directors of the Nuclear Innovation Alliance (NIA), and therefore have a fiduciary responsibility to that organization. NIA is a non-profit “think-and-do tank” working to enable advanced nuclear power as a global solution to mitigate climate change, through policy analysis, research, outreach and education).	Yes X	No
7. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form. Attached.		

Signature:  _____

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ARMOND M. COHEN

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Oct 1996- Present Co-Founder and Executive Director,
Clean Air Task Force**

Co-founded and directs the Clean Air Task Force (CATF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting climate change by promoting policy and private sector action to commercialize low carbon energy. The Task Force is comprised of twenty professionals with backgrounds in science, engineering, law, economics and public outreach headquartered in Boston but located throughout the United States and China. CATF is recognized as one of the nation's leading environmental organizations addressing air quality and climate issues, and has been called "a well-respected public health and environment advocacy group" by *Science Insider*, a publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

CATF helps catalyze, and often directly commissions, scientific synthesis and original scientific and economic research from credible independent institutions and well-regarded consultancies. Past collaborators in this regard have included the MIT Energy Initiative, the Harvard Atmospheric Chemistry Modeling Group, Harvard School of Public Health, Emory University, Purdue University, Columbia University's Earth Institute, Abt Associates, and the Northbridge Group.

As Executive Director, Armond supervises twenty professional staff spread from Beijing to Boston, and from Washington to Columbus, Ohio. He guides the organization's strategy and policy with a senior management team, and is responsible for raising the organization's \$6 million annual budget exclusively from philanthropic sources such as the Hewlett Foundation, Packard Foundation and Energy Foundation. His efforts have also been central to the raising of more than \$100 million since 1996 for itself and other organizations to implement CATF's projects. In his

substantive work, Armond handles complex negotiations with a variety of government, industry and nongovernmental players on air quality and climate issues; is frequently called on to testify before Congress and administrative agencies state and federal; and represents the organization in agency discussions and a variety of informal policy arenas. He is a frequent guest lecturer at universities and a frequent op-ed writer and media spokesperson.

1987-1996 Conservation Law Foundation
Senior Attorney and Founder/Director, Ene
Project

Developed and directed a litigation, negotiation, research and public education project of CLF (a regional non-profit environmental law organization) to promote power sector emissions control policies, energy efficiency and renewable energy in New England, the United States, Western Europe and selected developing countries. Worked extensively on restructuring of New England's electric industry. Work was substantially responsible for New England utilities' national leadership in energy efficiency investment, totaling nearly \$2 Billion.

1984-87 Staff Attorney, Conservation Law
Foundation

Represented CLF in variety of state and federal court and administrative agency proceedings concerning off-shore oil and gas drilling; urban land use; groundwater protection; hydroelectric dam licensing; nuclear power plant financing; and energy efficiency investment by utilities.

1982-83 Law Clerk

Hon. Harlington Wood, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Harvard Law School, J.D., cum laude, 1982.

Brown University, B.A. 1979, American History, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Recipient of Claiborne Pell Award for Excellence in American History, 1979

SELECTED TESTIMONY, PRESENTATIONS, OP EDS AND PUBLICATIONS

A. Cohen, “Climate Change and Energy: We Need a Bigger Boat,” Power Magazine, August 2016.

A. Cohen, “Going All the Way: Options and Innovation to Solve Climate Change,” Environmental Management, July 2016.

A. Cohen, “An ultra-low carbon future: the importance of baseload and dispatchable power,” presentation to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Winter Meetings, Washington DC, February 16, 2016.

J. Long, J Schori, A. Cohen, “Policies for California’s Energy Future – How to Choose a Climate Friendly Electricity System for the Future: A technical paper of the California’s Energy Future Committee” (California Council on Science and Technology, June 2014), <https://ccst.us/publications/2014/2014climate.pdf>

P. Loftus, A. Cohen, et, al, “A critical review of global decarbonization scenarios: what do they tell us about feasibility?,” *WIREs Clim Change* 2014. doi: 10.1002/wcc.324

A. Cohen, “Mission Possible: An Environmentalist Looks at Coal and Climate,” Cornerstone, Spring 2013.

A. Cohen, “Gas and Climate: How Low Can We Go?,” Presentation to National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Gas Committee, NARUC Winter Meetings, Washington, DC, January 2013.

J. Friedmann and A. Cohen, “Shale will change the US, But Not the Climate,” Financial Times, January 9, 2013

A. Cohen, “Gas and Climate: a Bridge Not Far Enough,” Aspen Energy Policy Forum, July 2012.

A. Cohen, “Climate Realism, or Why Small is Not Always

Beautiful, and Other Reflections,” Invited Presentation to the University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs,” October 2011.

A. Cohen and D. Sarewitz, Innovation Policy for Climate Change, September 2009.

A. Cohen, “How We Got to Zero Carbon (Almost): Looking Back from 2020,” Plenary Address to Energy and Environment Conference, Phoenix, AZ, February 1, 2010

A. Cohen et al, “NowGen’: Getting Real about Coal Carbon Capture and Sequestration,” The Electricity Journal, May 2009

A. Cohen and R. Pomerance, “Saving the Arctic, Now,” European Affairs, Winter/Spring 2008

A. Cohen, Testimony Before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, Hearing on National Energy Policy: Coal, Environmental Imperatives and Policies for Coal-fired Electric Generation, March 14, 2001.

A. Cohen, Testimony Before the U.S. Senate, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property and Nuclear Safety of the Environment and Public Works Committee, Hearings on Clean Air Act Reauthorization, Comprehensive Federal Power Plant Air Emissions Control Policy, May 17, 2000.

A.Cohen, Testimony Before the U.S. House of Representatives Commerce Committee, Energy and Power Subcommittee, Regarding Pending Legislative Proposals on Restructuring of the Electric Industry, October 22, 1997

A. Cohen, “Unfinished Business: Cleaning Up the Nation’s Power Plant Fleet,” Clean Power Journal, Summer 1997.

A. Cohen, "Can Industry Restructuring Be 'Green'?", Energy Report, Spring, 1995 (Boston, Ma.).

A. Cohen, "A New Look at Old Connections," Conservation Matters, Autumn 1994 (Boston, Ma.).

A. Cohen and S. Kihm, "The Political Economy of Retail Wheeling, or How to Not Re-Fight the Last War," Electricity Journal (April 1994).

A. Cohen, "Retail Wheeling and Rhode Island's Energy Future: Issues, Problems, and Lessons from Europe," Remarks Presented

to the Retail Wheeling Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Energy Coordinating Council, July 22, 1993.

A. Cohen et al., "The Obvious Child: Least Cost Utility Regulation in New England," 1 Review of European Community and International Environmental Law 111 (1992).

A. Cohen, Power to Spare II: Energy Efficiency and New England's Economic Recovery (Conservation Law Foundation, June 1992).

A. Cohen and M. Townsley, "Perspectives on Collaboration as Replacement for Confrontation," Public Utilities Fortnightly (March 1, 1990).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP ROLES

Former Chair, Advisory Council, Electric Power Research Institute

Founding Board member, Nuclear Innovation Alliance

Founding Board Member, Center for Responsible Shale Development

Former Member, World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Decarbonizing Energy

Member, Keystone Center Energy Board

Member, Policy Subcommittee, National Petroleum Council "Prudent Development" Study, September 2011

District of Columbia Bar (Admitted 1984).

Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.