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January 7, 2015

Mr. Kim Cawley  
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Dear Mr. Cawley:

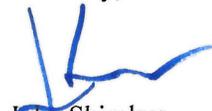
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy on Thursday, December 3, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "The Nuclear Waste Fund: Budgetary, Funding, and Scoring Issues."

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 Thursday, January 21, 2016. Your responses should be mailed to Will Batson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to [Will.Batson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Will.Batson@mail.house.gov).

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

Sincerely,



John Shimkus  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

cc: The Honorable Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

Attachment

## Additional Questions for the Record

### The Honorable John Shimkus

1. When the Department of Energy instituted the Nuclear Waste fee in the 1980's, it had to account for the cost to dispose of spent nuclear fuel generated prior to the passage of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. They did this by providing utilities the option to pay a one-time fee up front or defer payment. What is the current projected value of this one-time fee that has yet to be collected? How does CBO account for this outstanding fee using its cash basis scoring rules?

### The Honorable Tim Murphy

1. Mr. Cawley, will you please describe how CBO treats the \$1.1 billion in "interest" that is accounted for in DOE's audit of the Nuclear Waste Fund which was released on December 3?
2. Does that "interest" actually increase the Federal government's resources to fulfill the obligations of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act?
3. How does the Congressional Budget Office treat the Judgement Fund in the context of the Federal budget?