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Mr. T. Lane Wilson Senior Vice President and General Counsel Williams Companies PO Box 2400 Tulsa, OK 74102-2400

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources at an oversight hearing titled, "Restoring Energy Dominance: The Path to Unleashing American Offshore Energy" on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Your testimony was extremely helpful in defining the Subcommittee's understanding of the issue and I appreciate the effort you took to prepare and present your testimony. While many questions were asked during the hearing, the Subcommittee has additional questions, attached, for your reply.

Please forward your responses to Jacob Greenberg, Clerk, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, at <u>Jacob.Greenberg@mail.house.gov</u> by March 3, 2025. Your assistance in meeting this deadline is requested, as failure to meet it will be noted in the printed transcript.

Once again, thank you for your extensive effort in making this a valuable hearing.

Sincerely,

Pete Stauber

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

Chairman

Enclosure

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"Restoring Energy Dominance: The Path to Unleashing American Offshore Energy"

Questions from Rep. Higgins for Mr. T. Lane Wilson, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Williams Companies

- 1. The midstream sector is critical to ensuring production reaches markets efficiently. What permitting hurdles does midstream infrastructure face under the current regulatory framework, and how could targeted reforms improve the situation?
- 2. BOEM has relied on speculative greenhouse gas modeling and the flawed Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases metric to justify limiting lease sales. Given that U.S. Gulf production has one of the lowest carbon intensities globally, does BOEM's approach accurately reflect the comparative emissions benefits of domestic offshore oil and gas production versus foreign imports?

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Questions from Rep. Huffman for Mr. T. Lane Wilson, Sr. Vice President and General Counsel for The Williams Company.

1. Is it a part of your business plan to drill or support drilling operations in areas of the Outer Continental Shelf beyond areas where leasing and drilling currently take place? If so, to which states and/or regions do you intend to expand business?