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Richard
Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
10/26/2010 04:07 PM

To: Aaron Dickerson
cc: "David McIntosh", "Heidi Ellis"
bcc:
Subject: Re: Reminder - Call Chairman Wellinghoff. 20(b)(6)

Done. David - please give me a buzz. Aaron - he and I agreed to have a monthly coffee. I'll go there for the first one in say mid November (on my way home?).
Aaron Dickerson

----- Original Message -----

From: Aaron Dickerson
Sent: 10/26/2010 04:01 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Subject: Reminder - Call Chairman Wellinghoff. 20(b)(6)

Richard Windsor Tx ----- Original Message ----- 10/26/2010 03:45:01 PM

From: Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
To: Aaron Dickerson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 10/26/2010 03:45 PM
Subject: Re: Politico: EPA: Enviro regs won't affect grid

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Aaron Dickerson

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From: Aaron Dickerson
Sent: 10/26/2010 03:39 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Cc: Brendan Gilfillan; David McIntosh; Seth Oster
Subject: Re: Politico: EPA: Enviro regs won't affect grid
The Chairman is available at 4:00. He can be reached at 20(b)(6).

Richard Windsor Aaron - please set up a call with Chair... 10/26/2010 03:29:36 PM

From: Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
To: David McIntosh/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Brendan Gilfillan/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Seth Oster/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, "Aaron Dickerson" <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>
Date: 10/26/2010 03:29 PM
Subject: Re: Politico: EPA: Enviro regs won't affect grid

Aaron - please set up a call with Chairman Wellinghoff today. Tx. Lisa

David McIntosh

----- Original Message -----

From: David McIntosh
Sent: 10/26/2010 03:25 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Cc: Brendan Gilfillan; Seth Oster
Subject: Fw: Politico: EPA: Enviro regs won't affect grid

Administrator, you might consider calling FERC Chairman Wellinghoff to thank him for his very helpful comments in this Politico story.

----- Forwarded by David McIntosh/DC/USEPA/US on 10/26/2010 03:24 PM -----

From: Brendan Gilfillan/DC/USEPA/US
To: Seth Oster <oster.seth@epa.gov>, Michael Moats/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Vicki Ekstrom/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Stephanie Owens/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Dru Ealons/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: David McIntosh/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 10/26/2010 03:16 PM
Subject: Politico: EPA: Enviro regs won't affect grid

EPA: Enviro regs won't affect grid

By: Robin Bravender

October 26, 2010 02:52 PM EDT

The Obama administration is pushing back against projections that the reliability of the domestic power supply is threatened by a series of environmental rules.

A report issued Tuesday by the North American Electric Reliability Corp. found that that up to 75 gigawatts — about 7 percent of the national power capacity — could be forced offline by 2015 as companies either shutter plants or install new energy-consuming pollution controls.

The Environmental Protection Agency and the chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Tuesday said the possibility that the reliability of the U.S. grid could be weakened by EPA rules targeting power plants emissions of mercury, coal ash, soot and smog is the worst-case scenario.

FERC Chairman Jon Wellinghoff told POLITICO that the Obama administration can mitigate the potential loss of power generation.

"We understand that there are certain problems that could occur if these regulations do in fact cause the closing of a number of coal plants," Wellinghoff said, "but it doesn't mean that they can't be dealt with."

Republicans are working hard to demonize EPA regulations during the runup to the midterm elections and a GOP-led Congress could work to overcome many of the agency's rules.

The administration is working to ensure that the EPA rules have no effect whatsoever on domestic power supply, Wellinghoff said, including boosting supply side resources like wind and natural gas, in addition to finding ways to operate the grid more efficiently to reduce congestion. "The sky isn't falling," he added.

Meanwhile, EPA is questioning the report's projections, which are based in part on rules that haven't yet been issued.

"By NERC's own admission, its projections about electricity supply impacts rest on its own fortune-telling about future regulations that have not even been proposed yet," said agency spokesman Brendan Gilfillan. "In reality, EPA has some discretion and will be more sensitive to reliability than NERC gives us credit for."

But industry attorney Joe Stanko warned that the report drastically underestimates the impact on the power supply.

"It's great that NERC looked at reliability, but the impact is really much greater than the report claims because of one-size-fits-all assumptions on cost," Stanko said.