From: Michael Lukasiewicz
Cc: Patrick Kilroy
Subject: RE: Questions for DOE

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Mary,

I had a very cordial conversation with David Nemtzow this afternoon. He only had 30 minutes to talk, but we consumed every second of this time. He is very open to continuing the conversation. We were able to touch on most of the topics in which you expressed interest. Understandably, he was cautious in his responses. I summarize these off-the-record comments below.

David recognizes PG&E's leadership among utilities in C&S and encourages you to stay involved with all standards-related stakeholders. I believe you are engaged with all the groups he mentioned - DOE, EPA, trade groups, ACEEE, ASAP, and the relevant Congressional committees.

I proposed a meeting with him and us. He would be happy to meet and volunteered to help set up meetings with the appropriate people on the "Hill" if we meet with him in DC. He says his month of August is fairly open as he has no vacation plans. An alternative is to meet in the Bay Area sometime during the month of September when he has a trip to Santa Clara planned.

We can discuss next week. Let me know if you have questions in the meantime.

Have a great weekend, Mike

- DOE RFI This is the RFI that is asking for outdated, costly or inappropriate standards, reflective of the administration's goal of reducing regulation.
  - Does DOE plan on making changes to existing appliance standards as a result of the RFI?
    - o David was not super familiar with an existing RFI, but commented that DOE has a statutory responsibility to uphold the existing standards. There will be no lowering of the current standards. I then asked him if he expects standards to be made more stringent in the future. He said that is a great question. He has not gotten any specific guidance on this from the new administration. He implied that changes in standards policy will not a result of an anti-regulation conspiracy, but more due to a lack of competence and staffing. Up until recently, there has only been one political appointee providing management direction for EERE.
    - o David is optimistic about the future existence of the standards program. First, it has statutory protection and it is hard to change the law. Second, the projected budget reduction for standards (50%) is not as dramatic as the proposed reduction for EERE overall (66%). He sees this as a mandate to enforce existing standards and to continue to do their technical and

economic analysis related to standards.

- How would DOE like stakeholders to support DOE in this effort?
  - o David did not provide any direct guidance on this, but indirectly made some suggestions.
    - There is another RFI being developed, which will be issued in the near future. Keep informed on this.
    - California's senior senator is a ranking member of the committee that oversees the DOE budget. Keep her informed about standards.
- NEMA General Service Lighting Lawsuit David is aware of this, but not actively involved.
   He cannot comment on anything that is in litigation. He did say that it is hard to say where it will go at this time.
  - o Does DOE want outside stakeholder support in this effort?
  - o What is the ideal outcome from DOE's position?
  - o Are the DOE/NEMA negotiations moving forward with any speed?
- General Questions During the current period of budget and political uncertainty, David seems to be trying to maintain the status quo. Standards program changes most likely will be a result of any budget change for FY 2018.
  - Are there stakeholders that have a significant amount of sway at DOE right now?
    - o The people in Congress who are controlling the budget appear to have the most sway.
    - o I asked if there were any changes in outside influence and trade group interaction appears to be the same.
  - What activities appear to be most effective as getting a response from DOE?
    - o David values input from the utility sector and encourages PG&E to continue its leadership. For this reason, he is welcoming a face to face meeting with PG&E.
  - What are the priorities at the Appliance standards division?
    - o We can probably get a better answer to this in a face to face meeting. Here is my interpretation of his comments as to their priorities:
      - Continue responsibility to enforce existing standards.
      - Continue technical and economic research to support standards.
      - Complete standards under development for example, manufactured housing, which is regulated as an appliance.

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Awesome! Thanks!!!

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To: Anderson, Mary

Subject: RE: Questions for DOE

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Thanks Mary,

These are great questions. I will work them into the conversation.

I will be talking with David at 1 pm ET on Friday. If anything else comes to mind before then, let me know.

Mike

**From:** Anderson, Mary [mailto:M3AK@pge.com]

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Mike,

Thank you for reaching out to your network at DOE and I look forward to building those relationships. I have a few questions for you to keep in mind when you meet with David.

- DOE RFI This is the RFI that is asking for outdated, costly or inappropriate standards, reflective of the administration's goal of reducing regulation.
  - o Does DOE plan on making changes to existing appliance standards as a result of the REI?
  - o How would DOE like stakeholders to support DOE in this effort?
- NEMA General Service Lighting Lawsuit
  - o Does DOE want outside stakeholder support in this effort?
  - o What is the ideal outcome from DOE's position?
  - o Are the DOE/NEMA negotiations moving forward with any speed?
- General Questions
  - o Are there stakeholders that have a significant amount of sway at DOE right now?
  - o What activities appear to be most effective as getting a response from DOE?
  - o What are the priorities at the Appliance standards division?

These may not be appropriate to ask but just things to keep in mind, just in case. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Mary Anderson

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