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The Honorable Richard G. Newell
Administrator
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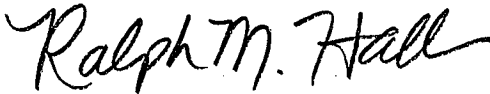
Dear Administrator Newell:

I am writing to request that the Energy Information Administration perform an analysis of the economic impacts of the Administration's proposed Federal Clean Energy Standard (CES). In testimony in front of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology on March 3, 2011, Secretary of Energy, Steven Chu, in response to a question regarding the economic costs and impacts associated with implementing a CES as included in the Department of Energy's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request, verbally offered the EIA's expertise.¹ The purpose of this letter is to accept the Secretary's offer and formally request the analysis.

I ask that EIA begin this process by meeting with Committee staff as soon as possible to discuss the parameters, methods, and duration of the analysis. I am confident staff can work together with you to develop a reasonable and objective scope based on realistic assumptions.

Please contact Andy Zach, Professional Staff, with the Energy and Environment Subcommittee at (202) 225-6371, to schedule a meeting. In advance, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Ralph M. Hall
Chairman

cc: Secretary Steven Chu

¹I understand the proposed CES would require electric utilities to obtain an increasing share of delivered electricity from clean energy sources, starting at the current level of about 40 percent and reaching 80 percent by 2035.