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September 26, 2007

The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Johnson:

This letter follows up on my letter to you of September 18, 2007, concerning the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) issuance of an air pollution permit to Deseret Power for the Bonanza Power Plant in Uintah County, Utah. In that letter, I urged you to reconsider your decision to issue that permit without considering the global warming effects of the plant and without requiring any measures to mitigate that harm, contrary to the requirements of the Clean Air Act and EPA's discretionary authority to act. I also asked you to provide certain documents and respond to questions regarding that matter and several related pending permit decisions for other coal-fired power plants.

Today, I am requesting that EPA provide further documents relating to this and other permit decisions, in addition to those requested in the September 18, 2007, letter. Please provide the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform copies of all documents relating to communications between EPA and industry representatives that relate to (1) the Deseret Power application or (2) the consideration of greenhouse gas emissions when making permitting decisions for new coal or gas-fired power plants. Please also provide copies of all documents relating to communications between EPA and any other federal agency or the White House, or between EPA and industry representatives, regarding Clean Air Act regulatory authority that could apply to greenhouse gas emissions from coal or gas-fired power plants.

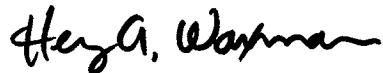
Please provide the requested documents by no later than October 3, 2007.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Committee's request.

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If you have any questions concerning this request, please have your staff contact
Alexandra Teitz of the Committee staff at (202) 225-4407.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry A. Waxman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "H".

Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member