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Record Description:

Pursuant to freedom of information laws I am requesting the following:

- a copy of Steven Chu's schedule from Jan 20, 2009 to May 1, 2009.
- copies of correspondence, including but not limited to emails, hand-written notes, and recorded conversations between Steven Chu or his staff, and the staff of the following individuals, corporations and organizations: Encana oil and Gas, BP, Williams, Exxon, Chesapeake Energy, the Independent Petroleum Association of America, and the American Petroleum Institute, T. Boone Pickens, and Encana CEO Randy Eresman between Jan. 20, 2009 and May 1, 2009.

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1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

This request will clearly lead to information on the policies of the DOE

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

Explanation of DOE's policy strategizing will undoubtedly lead to better public understanding of government functioning

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3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

Given energy policy's newsworthiness and currency, the information sought has timeliness and relevance to public education

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

see above

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

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