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RE: Ex Parte Memo

Dear Mr. Cohen:

On Thursday, August 29, 2013, Julian Francis, VP & Managing Director Residential Insulation, Frank O'Brien Bernini, VP & Chief Sustainability Officer, Paul Smith, VP Building Materials Group Marketing, John Libonati, VP Government and Public Affairs, and I met with David Lee, Jeremy Williams, and Mark Lessans of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Building Technologies Office.

Owens Corning requested this meeting to cover a broad set of issues, including:

1. DOE's Challenge Home Program specifications, training, and sponsorship;
2. Net-Zero Energy Home initiatives, including supporting research by DOE Labs;
3. DOE's Building America and Better Buildings Neighborhood Programs;
4. DOE's work on energy codes and standards; and
5. Brief DOE on Owens Corning's Corporate/Global Sustainability efforts

As it relates to energy codes and standards, DOE staff educated the Owens Corning team of the broad goal to enhance both the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and ASHRAE standards (90.1 and 90.2) by 15% and 30% from the baseline 2006 IECC and ASHRAE standards. Additionally, DOE staff informed Owens Corning of Federal Register Notices from April (per DOE's participation in the ICC process), May (per DOE's determination on the 2012 IECC), and August 2013 (per DOE's efforts to assess code compliance). Specifically, DOE explained how it develops code proposals, in partnership with its Labs, and how it participates in the ICC/ASHREA code/standard development processes.

DOE and industry studies have documented that highly energy efficient buildings can substantially reduce short- and long-term operational costs for home owners and property owners - allowing resulting savings to flow back into the economy. Additionally, because the majority of energy efficient products and materials used in homes and buildings are made in the US, energy efficiency can be a persistent economic engine for jobs and growth. Finally, as buildings consume 40% or more of the energy in the nation, Owens Corning appreciates and values the opportunity to dialogue and work with DOE and others towards improving the energy efficiency of new and existing homes and buildings.

Respectfully,

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cc: David Lee Jeremy Williams Mark Lessans