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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re: Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing held on December 15, 2010

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260 (Supp. 2009) and as Mr. Scott's designee, I am attaching my certified statement with copies of the certified statements from all persons present (see sign in sheets also attached) at the December 15, 2010 Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing regarding Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. Issues Related to Renewable Energy Resources. The Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing was held at 10:30 a.m.

Please find enclosed a copy of the transcripts of the briefing and accompanying presentation materials. Any written materials utilized or referenced at the briefing by any of the attendees or Commissioners are included either by attachment or by website links as follows:

Documents Attached:

- "Do We Have the Energy for the Next Transition?" *Science Magazine*, August 13, 2010.

Website Links to Voluminous References:

- "Freeing the Grid: Best Practices in State Net Metering Policies and Interconnection Procedures," 2010 edition, available at <http://www.newenergychoices.org/uploads/FreeingTheGrid2010.pdf>.
- "Coastal Wind: Energy for North Carolina's Future," available at <http://www.indyweek.com/pdf/090810/CoastalWind-EnergyForNCsFuture.pdf>.
- FERC Small Generation Interconnection Procedures, available at www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/indus-act/gi.asp.

- South Carolina Interconnection Procedures set forth in Order No. 2006-772, available at <http://dms.psc.sc.gov/pdf/orders/A11DC851-9CD4-2C43-49B14CFA928DBFE7.pdf>.
- PEC's Application to Interconnect Small Generation 100 kW or Less, available at <http://www.progress-energy.com/environment/ras/interconnectionprocedures.asp>.

It is my understanding that a transcript of the briefing will be posted on your website, and this transcript is incorporated by reference in all certified statements. The transcript is intended to satisfy the summary requirement of § 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(ii).

As required by law, please post all documents relating to these briefings on your website. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures



NEWS

Do We Have the Energy For the Next Transition?

Past energy transitions to inherently attractive fossil fuels took half a century; moving the world to cleaner fuels could be harder and slower



WIND TURBINES DOT RIDGES, DISTILLERS turn farmers' corn into ethanol by the billions of liters, and solar panels sprout on roofs. The energy revolution that will bring us clean, secure energy is under way, sort of. Never has the world so self-consciously tried to move toward new sources of energy. But the history of past major energy transitions—from wood to coal, and from coal to oil and gas—suggests that it will be a long, tough road to scaling up alternatives to fossil fuels that don't stoke greenhouse warming.

A big problem is that, for the first time, the world is moving to tap new energy sources that are, in many ways, less useful and convenient than the currently dominant sources: fossil fuels. "Up to now, we've always gone to a better fuel," notes economist Robert Kaufmann of Boston University (BU). And oil has proved the best of the better. Compared with wood or even coal or gas, it "is a great fuel," Kaufmann says. Oil is densely packed with energy, easily transported and stored, and efficient at releasing its energy in modern engines.

Renewables are another matter. Fuel sources like corn kernels or wood chips tend to be bulky. Their energy content is diffuse. Planting energy crops and building solar or wind farms is a land-hungry process, and the energy they deliver is often intermittent and hard to store. So far, "you can't run airliners or cars on photovoltaics," Kaufmann says.

"We are confronted with a society built on high-quality energy, dense forms

of energy, fossil fuels especially," says Kaufmann's BU colleague, ecological economist Cutler Cleveland. "Could you have the same standard of living with renewables? I don't think we really know. Things might have to change very fundamentally."

Looming large

One of the most daunting aspects of the coming energy transition is its sheer size. It will have to be huge. Since 1800—when wood and animal feed provided more than 95% of U.S. energy—world energy use has increased by a factor of more than 20. Replacing even half of the coal, oil, and gas consumed today would require 6 terawatts of renewable energy, estimates systems analyst Arnulf Grübler of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Laxenburg, Austria. In contrast, renewables today produce just 0.5 terawatt.

Fossil fuels, however, also had humble beginnings. For tens of thousands of years, wood and other plant products provided humankind's energy needs. Historians do not always agree on exactly which social, technological, and economic forces drove the momentous shift from wood to coal—and then to oil and gas—in the 19th and early 20th centuries. But one factor clearly was the growing scarcity of existing fuels, says environmental historian Brian Black of Pennsylvania State University, Altoona. During the War of 1812, for instance, wood shortages around Philadelphia prompted residents to experi-

Heated, but how? Fossil fuels have many innate advantages over renewable energy sources.

ment with burning coal for heat and industry. And when Edwin Drake drilled the first oil well in the United States in 1858, whale oil for lamps was getting harder to come by. U.S. kerosene from oil soon displaced whale oil as an illuminant, and Americans were out of the whaling business.

Scarcity, however, is less of a factor today. The world is not yet running short of fossil fuels, notes energy analyst Richard Nehring of Nehring Associates in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Coal and oil production likely won't "peak" until something like 2030, give or take a decade, he estimates. Natural-gas production could keep pace with rising demand until 2050. Nehring's production peaks are on the early side of published estimates, but they still suggest that broad-based fears of energy shortages will not be driving a shift to renewables for the next decade or two.

The continued abundance of fossil fuels—and their relatively low cost—has also helped highlight some of the other shortcomings of renewables. They include:

Lower density

Solid and liquid fossil fuels are packed with energy. A kilogram of oil, for example, holds three times as much energy as a kilogram of plant biomass, environmental scientist Vaclav Smil of the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada, estimates in his recent book *Energy Transitions: History, Requirements, Prospects*. The difference swells to almost five times if the comparison is made in terms of energy per unit volume instead of weight.

The gap between fossil fuels and renewables grows even larger when analysts measure "power density," or the amount of energy produced per square meter of Earth's surface. A coal mine or oil field, for instance, yields five to 50 times more power per square meter than a solar facility, 10 to 100 times more than a wind farm, and 100 to 1000 times more than a biomass plant. Even if analysts subtract the energy needed to extract, transport, and process coal, it still yields 50 times more energy than ethanol from corn and 10 times more than ethanol from sugar cane, according to Cleveland. Oil is now 13 times more productive than corn ethanol.

Greater intermittency

Leading renewables are far worse off than fossil fuels and even wood when it comes to another crucial energy quality: its conti-

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nunity of supply. A coal-fired power plant—if not down for repairs or maintenance—can be cranked up as needed; not so sun or wind. Coal-fired, gas-fired, or nuclear power plants operate 75% to 90% of the time, Cleveland says. In contrast, wind turbines typically stand idle 65% to 80% of the time. And the sun is guaranteed to be unavailable half the time, not counting the passing cloud. Engineers haven't yet developed energy storage devices suitable for storing solar and wind power, and they would add to the ultimate cost.

Patchiness

There is only one quality—geographic distribution—in which renewables reach parity with fossil fuels. Both are handicapped by their uneven distribution. Oil is famously concentrated in the Middle East, Russia enjoys an abundance of natural gas, and the United States is the Saudi Arabia of coal. But “many of the windiest and sunny regions in the world are virtually uninhabited,” Cleveland says, meaning electricity would have to be moved long distances to population centers. The same patchiness holds for other renewables, from geothermal to hydro energy. For biomass, everyone has some arable land for growing energy crops, but much of it is already spoken for. And even if the land were available, energy

crop yields would fall short of the need. The ethanol from the whole U.S. corn crop, for instance, could replace just 15% of the country's annual gasoline use, Smil says.

Ray of hope?

The “sobering reality,” Smil says, is that there is only one renewable—solar energy—that could by itself meet future energy demands (see p. 786). Wind power could conceivably make a significant contribution, but each of the rest—hydro, biomass, ocean waves, geothermal, ocean currents, and ocean thermal differences—would provide just one-tenth to one-ten-thousandth of today's energy output from fossil fuels.

So the bulk of the burden will fall on solar, but turning the sun's rays into useful energy has a long way to go, Smil notes. Today, photovoltaic electricity accounts for less than 0.1% of the world's electricity. Solar heating, such as solar water heaters, accounts for less than 0.1% of total global energy production.

Such numbers would have to grow rapidly for a long time to make a difference, but renewables' handicaps do not bode well for speeding up the next energy transition. Fossil fuels “were phenomenally attractive,” yet it still took 50 to 70 years to bring them into widespread use, says IIASA's Grubler. That's because, no matter how attractive a fuel might be, it takes time to create the

infrastructure for extracting and transporting the resource, converting it into a usable form, and conveying it to the end user. It also takes time for inventors to develop end-use technologies—such as steam engines, internal combustion engines, and gas turbines—and for consumers to adopt them and create demand. Renewables “will be slower because they're less attractive,” says Grubler. “They don't offer new services; they just cost more.”

Ambitions to bring down the cost of renewables and accelerate the transition to clean, renewable energy have waxed and waned. In the United States, those hopes hit one acme in 2008, when former Vice President Al Gore challenged the United States “to commit to producing 100% of our electricity from renewable energy and truly clean carbon-free sources within 10 years.” Smil calls that the epitome of “The Great Energy Delusion.” It's not going to happen that way, he says. No amount of political commitment can erase the technological inertia in the energy production and consumption system or completely counter the quality shortcomings of renewables.

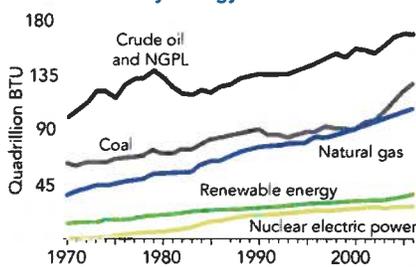
Still, renewable energy does have one clear advantage over fossil fuels: It doesn't produce the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide. Given the dearth of other incentives for scaling up renewables, “we may really need to engineer a transition,” says Cleveland, “particularly if we're going to be serious about managing carbon.” In practical terms, that re-engineering would mean lawmakers embracing policies that drive up the cost of fossil fuels and heavily subsidize renewables. But public support for such ideas has been lukewarm in the United States—whose citizens are person for person the world's biggest greenhouse gas emitters. Even in the midst of the worst oil spill in U.S. history, for instance, a poll by *The New York Times*/CBS News released 20 June found that although 90% of respondents agreed that “U.S. energy policy either needs fundamental changes or to be completely rebuilt,” just 49% supported new taxes on gasoline to fund new and renewable energy sources.

With those kinds of polling results, “the best thing to do is reduce consumption,” says BU's Kaufmann, given that “we've got the technology to reduce energy use tremendously.” Conservation would buy time for meagerly attractive renewables to make some inroads before fossil fuels begin to bow out.

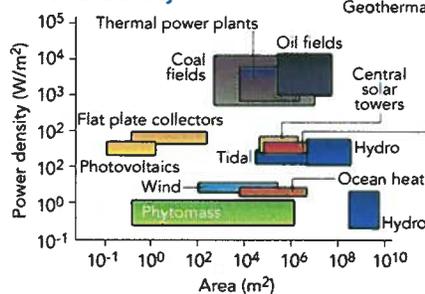
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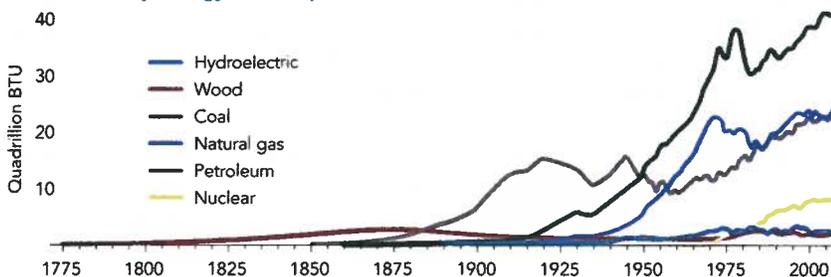
World Primary Energy Production



Power Density



U.S. Primary Energy Consumption



Top dog, for now. Fossil fuels each took half a century to dominate energy production (bottom). Renewables have gained (top left), but they are diffuse and therefore less attractive sources (top right).

SOURCE: DOE (TOP LEFT AND BOTTOM), V. SMIL, ENERGY TRANSITIONS, PRAEGER (2010)

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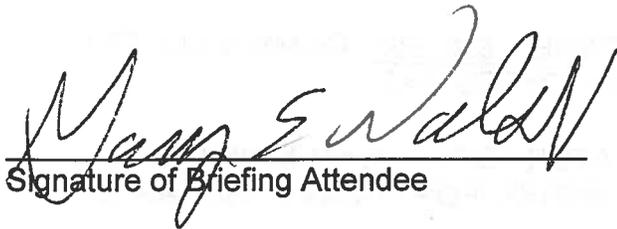
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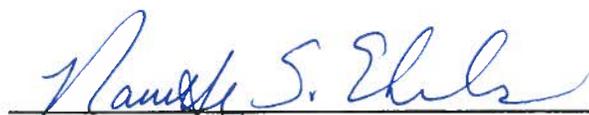
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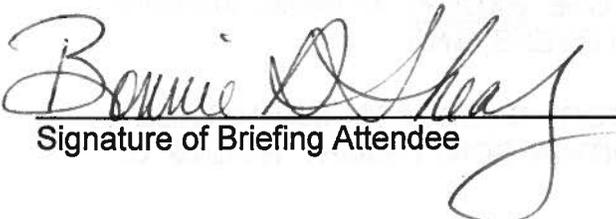
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Name: <i>David Butler</i>	Date of Meeting: 12-15-2010
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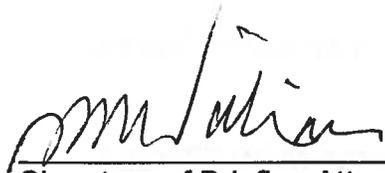
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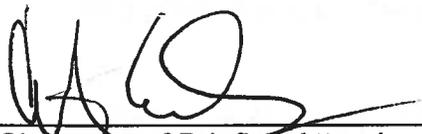
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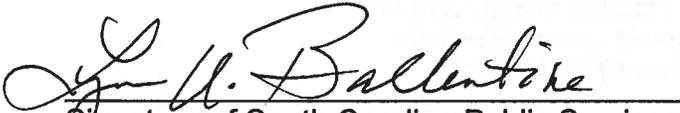
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Name: <i>James E Spearman</i>	Date of Meeting: 12-15-2010
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Name: <i>RANDALL DONG</i>	Date of Meeting: 12-15-2010
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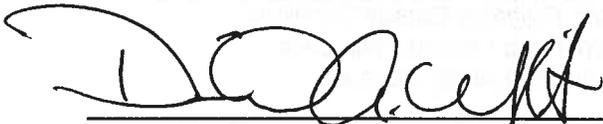
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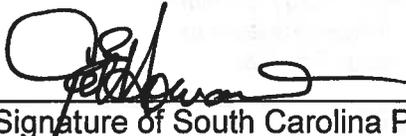
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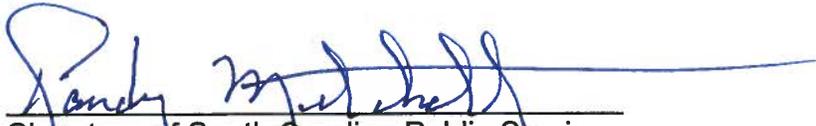
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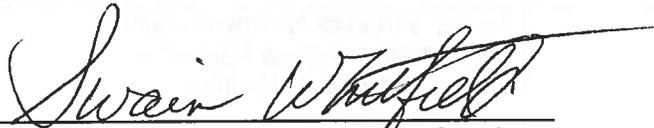
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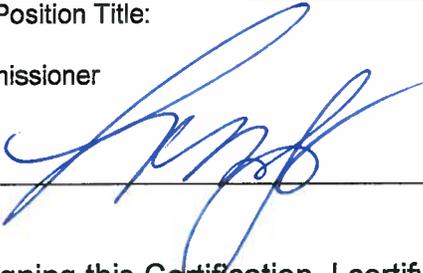
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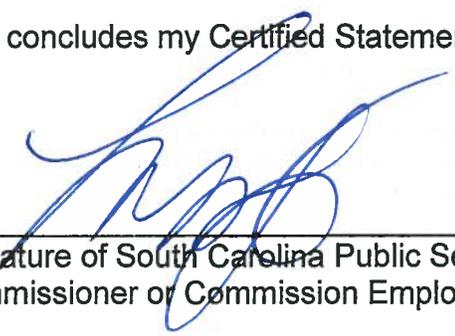
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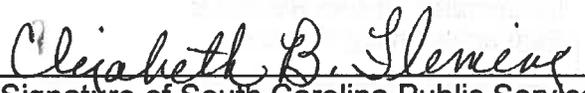
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Name: <i>Jowheat</i>	Date of Meeting: 12-15-2010
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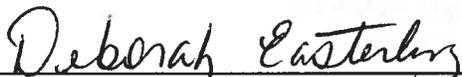
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