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Hello,

Under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, I'm requesting:

Any and all electronic communication and attachments specifically regarding Chairman Willie L. Phillips involvement with the Keystone Energy Board.

A February 2020 fact sheet about the Keystone Energy Board states the mission is to "foster critical thinking on the interplay between energy, environmental, and economic policy in an off-the-record, non-attributable setting." The fact sheet further explains that there are invitation only meetings. (Attached.)

The fact sheet lists Chair Willie L. Phillips as a board member, along with at least one representative from a utility regulated by the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia.

The timeframe of this records request is limited to January 1, 2019 through December 4, 2020.

I'm also requesting a waiver or reduction of fees, as the documents will be used to benefit the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. The public is increasingly interested in the involvement of utility commissioners and their private/off-the-record communication with regulated utilities, particularly in the absence of stakeholders that appear in front of commissioners in dockets involving the regulated utilities.

The organization I work for, the Energy and Policy Institute, is a clearinghouse of information and can also qualify as a representative of the news media. There are several examples of public record requests that have been provided to my organization and that were then published on our website to inform the general public. <https://www.energyandpolicy.org/foia-and-public-records-documents-and-lawsuits/>

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can contact me at matt@energyandpolicy.org; 630-908-9615.

Sincerely,
Matt Kasper

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KEYSTONE ENERGY BOARD

For more than 25 years, the Keystone Energy Board has provided a unique forum for leaders to discuss timely energy and environmental issues; explore opportunities for improved policymaking in the public and private sectors; and share perspectives with fellow leaders working in critical areas.

MISSION

The Energy Board's mission is to foster critical thinking on the interplay between energy, environmental, and economic policy in an off-the-record, non-attributable setting.

VALUE

When asked why they participate in the Energy Board, members consistently state three key attributes that make membership valuable:

- A unique diversity of perspectives on issues that members face daily in their own organizations.
- The opportunity to leave behind individual agendas and positioning and have unique 'off the record' discussions about tough issues.
- The benefit of developing meaningful relationships with other key players in the energy arena.

STRUCTURE

The Energy Board is composed of about 50 individuals representing varied perspectives on energy and climate policy from the industry, technology, environment, consumer advocacy, and state and federal government arenas. Meetings are by invitation only and take place three times a year.

TOPICS

Energy Board discussions reflect the interests of members. Recent topics include:

- Human, environmental, and geopolitical impacts of energy supply chains
- The relationship between American Indian tribes and energy companies
- The hope and the hype related to commitments of 100% renewable energy

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Membership is by invitation
(see reverse for complete list of members)

Co-Chairs

Dede Hapner, University of Michigan
Doug Scott, Great Plains Institute

Since I focus more on environment than energy, it's really interesting to get a better understanding of energy issues from the perspective of those who operate primarily in the energy industry because of the close links between energy and environment. It's also refreshing and uplifting to be in a room with people who still believe that sharing different perspectives can lead to good policy.

Former EPA official

We face challenges in the next several decades when it comes to the future of transportation, energy, and the environment. In these complex times, Energy Board meetings offer smart reflections on essential topics, and, perhaps more importantly, a rich and diverse network of energy and climate experts.

Mitch Jackson
Chief Sustainability Officer
FedEx

At CPS Energy, we believe building partnerships and working collaboratively is the best way to create change, foster growth, and realize sustainable community value. In work with Keystone, I have seen firsthand the impact that inclusion and collaboration have on actionable, shared solutions to our toughest policy challenges. The Energy Board helps me connect San Antonio's unique opportunities and challenges to the national and international energy policy landscape. I always leave our rich exchanges energized and ready to apply a fresh, creative lens to my everyday work.

Paula Gold-Williams
President & CEO
CPS Energy



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