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Here is where things stand on some of the outstanding renewable projects:

1) The DOE people called this morning about confirming for their March 30th conference, and I told them that I was up in the air and that another Enron person might substitute yet have the benefit of my involvement. They are not interested in this arrangement, however, since they are looking for a distinct critical voice to speak along with a "pro" or "optimistic" person on the other side (Chris Flavin is invited).

I understand that having me speak in this public forum is sensitive and can pass if need be. However, given our discussion yesterday on the importance of giving DOE and Congress good information about our latest energy technologies as part of Enron's (public policy) integrity standard and the whole Kyoto debate, we should convene a private meeting with the EIA modelers and share our best knowledge with regard to gas, wind, and solar. We can discuss externality factors too.

I would be very involved in putting together the information to make sure everything is realistic and complete, and I would attend the meeting with someone from both our wind and solar subsidiaries.

2) John Goodman at NCPA will review my piece, which has been revised in house and is now under the name of their environmental (and now energy-environmental) person. I can defer to the two of you to either publish it under Sterling Burnett's name, table it, or make some mutually acceptable revisions. I will talk to John about this.

3) I will not speak to the Natural Gas Supply Association unless my topic is changed from a straight renewables speech to more of an energy sustainability speech where renewables issues are considered in a broader context. I think they will get another critic in my place to focus more on renewables since this is such a big issue for them right now. (They also were not interested in a natural gas pipeline deregulation speech from me!)

4) I forgot to tell you that a magazine (not newspaper) named USA Today is publishing an excerpt from my Cato piece in the next month or two. I gave them permission to do so back in November. Also if I was not clear on this, I will not be giving quotes to the press on renewables but will continue to be available on other energy issues including global warming and Kyoto issues under my IER affiliation.

The DOE people will call back on Tuesday for a decision from me--by then you might have had a chance to discuss this with Ken Karras or Tom White.