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Dear Ms. Emerson and Mr. Crisson:

Thank you for your recent letter and especially for the expressed commitment to the important relationship your organizations have with the Department of Energy.

One of the most valuable aspects of the relationship among our organizations is the openness to sharing concerns and ideas. Your letter regarding recommendations made in the recently released Center for the New Energy Economy report, *Powering Forward: Presidential and Executive Agency Actions to Drive Clean Energy in America*, effectively conveys the concerns of your members, which are important to the Department.

The report is a result of work done by a privately-funded think tank and received no funding from the Department. As with any report, the Department may consider its recommendations, but recognizes the sensitivities raised by several findings. In particular, the Department respects the unique statutory authorities of the Power Marketing Administrations and the Tennessee Valley Authority, as well as the importance of the existing collaborative relationships among the Department, the PMAs, and their preference customers. Our goal is to strengthen how we work together.

While your organizations may differ with the views expressed in this particular report, it is important to discuss new ideas on how to move forward to address our energy future. Any recommendations from your organizations on ways they can support meeting the challenges in the President's Climate Action Plan and collaborating in the upcoming Quadrennial Energy Review would be welcomed. I encourage you to contact Skila Harris on my staff to share your thoughts on these important issues.

Sincerely,

Ernest J. Moniz



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