

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 29, 2012

The Honorable Kenneth L. Salazar  
Secretary of the Interior  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to request information that the Department of the Interior (DOI) has thus far refused to provide to Congress. More than six months ago Senator Jeff Sessions, the Ranking Member on the Senate Committee on the Budget, requested specific information regarding DOI's possible preferential treatment of certain renewable or alternative energy projects – all of which received taxpayer-funded loan guarantees.<sup>1</sup> Despite repeated attempts to have this request fulfilled, DOI has not produced an adequate response. This is unacceptable.

Thus, we request the following information as soon as possible, but no later than noon on June 12, 2012. If you fail to comply fully with this request, we will have no other choice but to consider the use of compulsory process.

1. All communications involving Steve Black, referring or relating to any 1705 loan guarantee project;
2. All communications involving Janea Scott, referring or relating to any 1705 loan guarantee project;
3. All communications involving David Hayes, referring or relating to any 1705 loan guarantee project;
4. All communications involving Ned Farquhar, referring or relating to any 1705 loan guarantee project;
5. All communications involving Neil Kornze, referring or relating to any 1705 loan guarantee project;
6. All documents and communications referring or relating to Abengoa Solar, Inc.'s Mojave Solar project between January 20, 2009, and April 1, 2012;
7. All documents and communications referring or relating to BrightSource Energy's Ivanpah project between January 20, 2009, and April 1, 2012;
8. All documents and communications referring or relating to First Solar, Inc.'s Desert Sunlight project between January 20, 2009, and April 1, 2012;

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<sup>1</sup> Senator Jeff Sessions, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on the Budget, to Ken Salazar, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, November 21, 2012.

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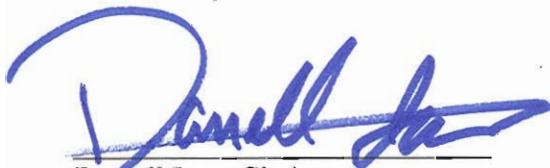
9. All documents and communications referring or relating to Nevada Geothermal Power, Inc.'s Blue Mountain project between January 20, 2009, and April 1, 2012;
10. All documents and communications referring or relating to NextEra Energy Resources' Genesis Solar project between January 20, 2009, and April 1, 2012;
11. All documents and communications referring or relating to Nevada, Inc.'s Jersey Valley project between January 20, 2009, and April 1, 2012;
12. All documents and communications referring or relating to SolarReserve, LLC's Crescent Dunes project between January 20, 2009, and April 1, 2012;

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and may at "any time" investigate "any matter" as set forth in House Rule X.

When documents are produced to the Committee, production sets should be delivered to the Majority Staff in Room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building and the Minority Staff in Room 2471 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The Committee prefers, if possible, to receive all documents in electronic format. In preparing your answers to these inquiries, please answer each question individually and include the text of each question along with your response. Additionally, copies of all responsive materials should be delivered to the Majority and Minority offices of the Senate Budget Committee, located in Room 624 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tyler Grimm or Mike Whatley of Chairman Issa's staff at (202)-225-5074 or Patrick Mullane of Ranking Member Sessions's staff at (202) 224-8695. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa, Chairman  
Committee on Oversight  
and Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives



Jeff Sessions, Ranking Member  
Committee on the Budget  
U.S. Senate

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Kent Conrad, Chairman  
Committee on the Budget  
U.S. Senate