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Sent: Tue 28/01/2020 9:11:22 AM (UTC)
Subject: Re: Guardian Article re: NEPA Reform

Bob:

The Guardian article was a terrible hit piece. I agree that your ANPR comments were straightforward and non-radical. It appears that you were caught in the angst (which I share) around some of the ill-advised definitional (and other) changes that CEQ included in its recently-released proposed rule. Your ANPR comment letter didn't push CEQ in that direction.

It's a crappy world that we're living in these days.

Best,

David

On Thu, Jan 23, 2020 at 5:14 PM Stout, Robert [REDACTED]@bp.com> wrote:

Hi David! Hope this note finds you doing well.

I know you are knowledgeable about (and I believe have even written on) NEPA. In that connection, I wondered if you might have seen the article published in the UK Guardian today relating to our position on NEPA.

Frankly, we strongly disagree with how this has been construed by Greenpeace. You can read our statement here.

I also wanted to share the comment letter we submitted, which is attached for reference. As you will see, we attached a white paper that we had prepared with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and had previously presented jointly to CEQ. The white paper, and indeed our own comment letter, focused on these points and not on the thornier and more complex issues of which and how indirect GHG emissions should be taken into account.

We seem to have been targeted because we were apparently the only integrated oil and gas company that filed its own comments rather than relying solely on trade association comments (which were only referenced generally in our letter). [REDACTED - First Amendment]

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I would welcome a chat and any thoughts/ perspectives you could offer on this. We are sincerely open to constructive criticism, but at the same time I want to be sure colleagues in the environmental community like yourself have the full context. [REDACTED - First Amendment]

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All the best,

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