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By email and Certified Mail (Return Receipt Requested)

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Dear Ms. Gellici and Mr. Matuszak:

The Niskanen Center, a libertarian think tank here in Washington, DC, is engaged in a study of the long-term effectiveness of certain federal advisory committees that deal with emerging technologies. The National Coal Council is one of eight such advisory committees that we have chosen for our study.¹

We would appreciate it if the National Coal Council would provide us (pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 and 5 U.S.C. Appx. § 10) with the information listed below for all years since 1985:

1. Membership lists;
2. The names of each subgroup, working group, or any group not comprised of all NCC members (together, "NCC subgroups"), and the members of each such NCC subgroup;
3. Reports or studies issued by the NCC and/or any NCC subgroup;

¹ The other seven advisory committees in our study are: Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (DOE, est. 1986); Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (NIST, est. 1988); Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (DOE, est. 1991); Transit Industry Technology Development Advisory Committee (DOT, est. 1991); Preservation Technology and Training Board (DOI, est. 1992); Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee (DOE, est. 1999); and Technology Advisory Committee (CFTC, est. 1999).

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4. Newsletters, announcements, press releases, or any other public communication by the NCC or any NCC subgroup; and
5. Agendas, transcripts and minutes of all meetings of the NCC and all NCC subgroups, and all other meeting sponsored by, or held under the aegis of, the NCC.

Because the NCC (perhaps uniquely among federal advisory committees) appears to have been incorporated, we also request the following information, both from the NCC and from NCC, Inc.:

6. All documents describing NCC, Inc.'s corporate form, including the application for 501(c)(6) status and the IRS determination letter as to that status;
7. All documents relating to the decision to incorporate NCC, Inc.;
8. All financial statements, whether audited or unaudited, of the NCC and NCC, Inc.;
9. All documents describing the relationship between NCC and NCC, Inc.;
10. All documents describing NCC, Inc. income and expenditures, including the sources of all such income and the recipients of all such expenditures;
11. All lists of shareholders, officers and directors of NCC, Inc.;
12. Agendas and minutes of all meetings of the officers, directors, or shareholders of NCC, Inc.; and
13. All reports, registrations, disclosure, or any other submissions by the NCC or NCC, Inc. to the Internal Revenue Service or the Commonwealth of Virginia. }

If you have any questions about any of these requests, please do not hesitate to contact me at either rhagemann@niskanencenter.org or (202) 899-1170.

We greatly appreciate your assistance with this matter, and look forward to sharing the results of our study with you.

Sincerely,

S/
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