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Dear Mr Hinkel,

The attached has come to my attention and I ask that you share it with the BEP before the vote along with my brief comments below.

"Overcharged Expectations: Unmasking the true costs of electric vehicles" is a 15 page product of the Texas Public Policy Foundation with 4 pages of references. The foundation started in 1987, has a budget of \$16.4 million and employs 102 people.

These two authors' objective in many endeavors is to increase America's energy IQ, a laudable objective in these times.

As an engineer, some background in research, and endless curiosity about the chaos in the US energy policies I have absorbed a lot of information. The more I consume, the more convinced I have become that the entire EV industry will collapse long before any emission goals are reached. The costs described in this

analysis and others are far too high for too little gain, as stated in a previous submission, maybe 10% of the CO2 problem in the entire US. The EV idea may have some merits, virtue signaling being the most obvious but any real value cannot be realized when the electric grid is somewhere between 37% and 60% between now and 2050.

Most alarming, more and more scientists are becoming brave enough to share research challenging many of the original assumptions about the causes of global warming. We are in a transition period and should not commit strongly one way or another during this period.

To the board, please do not vote for the EV mandate for the State of Maine. Yes, the president said CC is an existential threat but he is wrong and there is a lot of earth history to prove it. Ignore the comment; it is pure political alarmist extremism.

Thank you for reading.

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