

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION STATION PLACE 100 F STREET, NE WASHINGTON, DC 20549-2465

Office of FOIA Services

October 28, 2022

Mr. Rob Schilling Energy Policy Advocates P.O. Box 5471 Charlottesville, VA 22905

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552
Request No. 22-01541-FOIA

Dear Mr. Schilling:

This letter is in response to your request, dated and received in this office on March 30, 2022, for copies of electronic mail sent to, from, or which copies (whether as cc: or bcc:) Gary Gensler, Prashant Yerramalli, Heather Slavkin Corzo and/or Kevin R. Burris and any email address ending in eop.gov or whitehouse.gov, which are dated at any time from September 1, 2021 through March 30, 2022.

By letter dated April 1, 2022, we addressed your request for a fee waiver.

The enclosed 298 pages are released with redactions pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (6), for the following reasons.

Under FOIA Exemption 5, we have withheld certain information that forms an integral part of the pre-decisional process, which is protected from release by the deliberative process privilege embodied in Exemption 5.

Under FOIA Exemption 6, we have withheld certain thirdparty names, email addresses, and telephone numbers; staff email addresses and phone numbers; and certain other personal information. The release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

In addition, we are withholding 170 pages in full under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and/or (6), for the same reasons cited above.

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Please be advised that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard in preparing this response.

I am the deciding official with regard to this adverse determination. You have the right to appeal my decision to the SEC's General Counsel under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6), 17 CFR § 200.80(f)(1). The appeal must be received within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of this adverse decision. Your appeal must be in writing, clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal," and should identify the requested records. The appeal may include facts and authorities you consider appropriate.

You may file your appeal by completing the online Appeal form located at <a href="https://www.sec.gov/forms/request appeal">https://www.sec.gov/forms/request appeal</a>, or mail your appeal to the Office of FOIA Services of the Securities and Exchange Commission located at Station Place, 100 F Street NE, Mail Stop 2465, Washington, D.C. 20549, or deliver it to Room 1120 at that address.

If you have any questions, please contact Warren Jackson of my staff at jacksonw@sec.gov or (202) 551-8312. You may also contact me at foiapa@sec.gov or (202) 551-7900. You may also contact the SEC's FOIA Public Service Center at foiapa@sec.gov or (202) 551-7900. For more information about the FOIA Public Service Center and other options available to you please see the attached addendum.

Sincerely,

Camie Hyde Michaels

Carrie Hyde-Michaels FOIA Branch Chief

Enclosures

## ADDENDUM

For further assistance you can contact a SEC FOIA Public Liaison by calling (202) 551-7900 or visiting <a href="https://www.sec.gov/oso/help/foia-contact.html">https://www.sec.gov/oso/help/foia-contact.html</a>.

SEC FOIA Public Liaisons are supervisory staff within the Office of FOIA Services. They can assist FOIA requesters with general questions or concerns about the SEC's FOIA process or about the processing of their specific request.

In addition, you may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. OGIS can be reached at 1-877-684-6448 or via e-mail at ogis@nara.gov. Information concerning services offered by OGIS can be found at their website at <u>Archives.gov</u>. Note that contacting the FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not stop the 90day appeal clock and is not a substitute for filing an administrative appeal.