# LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

## 1. Registrant Name

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5. Senate ID# 400556662-12

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9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report

11. No Lobbying Issue Activity

## INCOME OR EXPENSES - YOU MUST complete either Line 12 or Line 13

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Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest $10,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

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14. REPORTING

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

- Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only
- Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

## Signature

| Signature | Digitally Signed By: Bud Albright, Senior Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs | Date | 10/17/2012 |

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15. General issue area code  CAW  Clean Air and Water (Quality)  (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 97, the "Free Industry Act" to provide that greenhouse gases are not subject to the Clean Air Act;
H.R. 153, the "Ensuring Affordable Energy Act" to prohibit funding for EPA to implement greenhouse gas regulations;

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

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H.R. 199, the "Protect America's Energy and Manufacturing Jobs Act of 2011" to suspend for 2 years EPA regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources under the Clean Air Act;
H.R. 750, the "Defending America's Affordable Energy and Jobs Act" to preempt actions related to greenhouse gases through regulations or common law;
H.R. 872, "Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011", (Clarify that a Clean Water Act permit is not required for products licensed under FIFRA);
H.R. 910, the "Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011" to prohibit EPA greenhouse gas regulations under the Clean Air Act;
H.R. 1023, the "No More Excuses Energy Act of 2011", including provisions to prevent climate change or global warming regulations under the Clean Air Act;
H.R. 1287, "3-D, Domestic Jobs, Domestic Energy, and Deficit Reduction Act of 2011", including provisions to prevent climate change or global warming regulations under the Clean Air Act;
H.R. 1292, the "Energy Production Freedom Act" to provide that greenhouse gases are not subject to the Clean Air Act;
H.R. 1872, the "Employment Protection Act" to require EPA to consider employment and other economic impacts prior to regulations or other actions;
H.R. 2250, the "EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011" to provide additional time for EPA to issue industrial boiler MACT standards;
H.R. 2401, the "Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation (TRAIN) Act of 2011" to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency;
H.R. 3391, the "Comprehensive National Mercury Monitoring Act";
H.R. 3379, the "Regional Haze Federalism Act", to provide States increased flexibility in implementing standards through State implementation plans;
H.R. 4304, the "Defense of Environment and Property Act of 2012," defines the scope of federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act;
H.R. 4387, to delay CSAPR compliance deadline for non-CAIR states;
H.R. 4965, "Preserve the Waters of the U.S. Act", (draft guidance);
H.R. 6091, regional haze and other environmental provisions in FY 2013 Interior Appropriations legislation;
H.R. 6172, to prohibit EPA from finalizing any GHG performance standards for EGUs until CCS is found to be technologically and economically feasible;
H. Res. 672, resolution regarding federal climate policy;
S. 15, to prohibit the regulation of carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. until China, India, and Russia implement similar reductions;
S. 77, the "Pollution and Costs Reduction Act" to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce pollution and lower costs for building owners;
S. 228, the "Defending America's Affordable Energy and Jobs Act" to preempt regulation of, action relating to, or consideration of greenhouse gases;
S. 231, the "EPA Stationary Source Regulations Suspension Act" to suspend for 2 years EPA regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources under the Clean Air Act;
S. 482, the "Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011" to prohibit EPA greenhouse gas regulations under the Clean Air Act;
S. 609, the "Comprehensive Assessment of Regulations on the Economy (CARE) Act of 2011" to provide for the establishment of a committee to assess the effects of certain federal regulatory mandates related to energy and the environment;
S. 706, the "3-D, Domestic Jobs, Domestic Energy, and Deficit Reduction Act of 2011", including provisions to prevent climate change or global warming regulations under the Clean Air Act;
S. 1292, the "Employment Protection Act" to require EPA to consider employment and other economic impacts prior to regulations or other actions;
S. 1392, the "EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011" to delay Boiler MACT;
S. 1393, the "Maintaining Agency Direction on Financial Fraud Act" to prohibit enforcement of SEC climate change interpretive guidance;
S. 1538, the "Regulatory Time-Out Act of 2011";
S. 1720, the "Jobs Through Growth Act", provisions related to EPA regulations;
S. 1805, regarding the scope of EPA authority to reject all or part of a State implementation plan under the CAA;
S. 1815, the "Cross State Air Pollution Act", to codify and delay the implementation dates for a final EPA rule relating to interstate transport of air pollution;
S. 1833, the "Fair Compliance Act of 2011", to provide additional time for compliance with, and coordinating of, the compliance schedules for [the EPA Utility MACT and CSAPR rules];
S. 2122, the "Defense of Environment and Property Act", (defines scope of federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act);
S. 2245, "Preserve the Waters of the U.S. Act", (draft guidance);
S. 2300, to delay CSAPR compliance deadline for non-CAIR states;
S. 3053, to require Senate confirmation of EPA Regional Administrators;
S. J. Res. 37, disapproving EPA MATS rule.
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15. General issue area code

ENG Energy/Nuclear

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 301, "New Manhattan Project for Energy Independence" to support RD&D to advance clean energy technologies;
H.R. 909, "A Roadmap for America's Energy Future" to address domestic energy policy, including renewable energy;
H.R. 2781, to establish a high efficiency gas turbine RD&D program;
H.R. 3389, the "Consortia-Led Energy Advancement Networks Act" (clean energy);

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area: ENG - Energy/Nuclear

H.R. 3574, to revise the formula for allocating funding to States under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981;
H.R. 3626, "LIHEAP Protection Act";
H.R. 3807, "Guaranteed Energy Assistance Act of 2011";
H.R. 4017, "Smart Energy Act", (efficiency);
H.R. 4026, "Energy Assistance for American Families Act";
H.R. 4230, "HOMES Act", (efficiency);
H.R. 4273, the "Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012";
H.R. 4580, the "Enabling Energy Saving Innovations Act," (energy efficiency);
H.R. 5325, "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2012", (energy efficiency, electric transportation);
H.R. 5967, the "American Renewable Energy and Efficiency Act" to establish a federal RES/EERS program;
H.R. 6533, to establish minimum levels of assistance for certain States under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, (LIHEAP);
H.J. RES. 117, the "Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2013," (LIHEAP);
S. 4, "Make America the World's Leader in Clean Energy Act" to promote clean energy;
Promote and protect the interests of natural gas utilities in any legislation considered by the House Energy & Commerce Committee and the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee regarding energy and climate legislation affecting natural gas utilities, including efficiency mandates;
H.R. 910, "Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011";
S. 398, "Implementation of National Consensus Appliance Agreements Act of 2011" (efficiency);
S. 559, "Securing America's Future with Energy and Sustainable Technologies Act" including renewable electricity and energy efficiency resource standards;
S. 1000, "Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2011", (efficiency);
S. 741, to amend PURPA to establish a renewable energy standard;
S. 1321, the "Practical Energy Plan Act of 2011";
S. 1491, "PURPA's Legislative Upgrade to State Authority (PURPA PLUS) Act";
S. 1510, "Clean Energy Financing Act of 2011";
S. 1586, to establish a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Program;
S. 1961, "LIHEAP Protection Act";
S. 2146, the "Clean Energy Standard Act of 2012";
S. 2216, "Rural Energy Savings Program Act", (energy efficiency);
S. 2465, "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2012", (energy efficiency, electric transportation);
S. 3240, "Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2012", (LIHEAP, rural transportation);
S. 3295, the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2013," (LIHEAP);
S. 3352, "Expanding Industrial Energy and Water Efficiency Incentives Act of 2012," (combined heat and power);
S. 3371, the "Renewable Energy Environmental Research Act";
Subcommittee Draft, the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2013," (LIHEAP);
Transmission siting, permitting, management issues generally and pricing incentives;
S. 1737, "Sensible Accounting to Value Energy (SAVE) Act";
S. 1914, "Cut Energy Bills at Home Act";
Oppose legislation to restrict or discourage natural gas production;
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16. Specific lobbying issues

- H.R. 607, "Broadband Spectrum for First Responders Act";
- H.R. 3606, "Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act", (Public Safety Broadband Network);
- H.R. 3765, "Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011" (spectrum);
- S. 28, "Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act";

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area: TEC - Telecommunications

S. 911, "Strengthening Public-Safety and Enhancing Communications Through Reform, Utilization, and Modernization Act (SPECTRUM Act)";
S. 1029, "Electric Consumer Right to Know Act (eKNOW)";
S. 1222, "Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA)".
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15. General issue area code  
TRA Transportation (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues
H.R. 7, "The American Energy & Infrastructure Jobs Act," (alternative fuel vehicles);
H.R. 6083, the "Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2012," (LIHEAP, transportation);
S. 158, "STB Reauthorization";
S. 1863, "New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions Act of 2011", (alternative fuel vehicles);

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S. 1921, "Reducing Energy Use Through Retrofitting Older Vehicles Act";
Promote & protect the interests of natural gas utilities regarding pipeline safety legislation and any regulatory regime affecting natural gas utilities;
Promote the development of the natural gas vehicle market by supporting various incentives;
H.R. 1380, "New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions Act of 2011", (alternative fuel vehicles); support incentives to encourage expansion of the natural gas vehicle market;
S. 734, "Advanced Vehicle Technology Act of 2011";
H.R. 7, the "American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012";
S. 1813, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act, Amendment 1782 (Nat Gas Act)";
Support incentives for expansion of natural gas as transportation fuel and fueling stations;
Support incentives for natural gas vehicles;
Advocate for research and development of natural gas vehicle technologies;
Appropriations for Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration;
H.R. 5972, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013";
S. 2322, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013".
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- H.R. 174, "Homeland Security Cyber and Physical Infrastructure Protection Act";
- H.R. 668, "SHIELD Act";
- H.R. 1136, "Executive Cyberspace Coordination Act";

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ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area:  HOM - Homeland Security

S. 21, "Cyber Security and American Cyber Competitiveness Act";
S. 413, "Cybersecurity and Internet Freedom Act";
S. 1342, "Grid Cyber Security Act";
S. 2105, the "Cybersecurity Act of 2012";
Chemical Security (CFATS) Regulatory Program (oversight issues);
Support pro-industry Cybersecurity bills that have a public-private partnership (no top-down regulatory process); public-private information sharing; liability protections for information sharing; federal R&D support; and appropriate criminal penalties for bad actors;
H.R. 3523, "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011";
H.R. 2096, "Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2012";
H.R. 3834, "Advancing America's Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of 2012";
S. 3342, "SECURE IT Act" (re-introduction of S. 2151; S. 3402);
S. 3414, "The Cybersecurity Act of 2012".
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H.R. 2682, "Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2011", (Over-the-Counter derivatives);
H.R. 3527, "Protecting Main Street End User from Excessive Regulation Act", (Over-the-Counter derivatives).

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   H.R. 8, the "Job Protection and Recession Prevention Act of 2012," (extension of current rate on dividends);
   H.R. 3768, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the credit for plug-in electric drive vehicles;
   H.R. 4078, the "Red Tape Reduction and Small Business Jobs Creation Act," (compilation of House Regulatory Reform bills, work on sue and settle);

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H.R. 4348, "Surface Transportation Bill Extension and Conference Report", (pension smoothing provisions); Support lower rates on taxation of dividends;
H.R. 3091, the "Tax Hike Prevention & Business Certainty Act", (dividend and capital gains tax rates); To make permanent the individual income tax rates for capital gains and dividends;
S. 1647, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates;
Promote the development of the natural gas vehicle market by supporting various incentives;
H.R. 1380, Support incentives to encourage expansion of the natural gas vehicle market, "New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions (NAT GAS Act)";
S. 734, "Advanced Vehicle Technology Act of 2011";
Support incentives for high efficiency natural gas furnaces, boilers and water heaters (25C tax credits);
S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the manufacturer limitation on the number of new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles eligible for credit;
S. 1813, "MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century)" (tax issues);
S. 2161, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for certain plug-in vehicles;
S. 3412, the "Middle Class Tax Cut Act of 2012," (extension of current rate on dividends);
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15. General issue area code  
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H.R. 5325, the "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013," (appropriations issues generally);  
H.R. 5326, the "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013," (appropriations issues generally);  
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S. 2322, the "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013," (appropriations issues generally);
S. 2323, the "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013," (appropriations issues generally);
S. 2465, the "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013," (appropriations issues generally);
S. 3295, the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013," (appropriations issues generally);
FY 2013 Interior/Environment Appropriations;
H. Con. Res. 112, FY 2013 Budget Resolution;
H.J. RES. 117 (PL 112-175), the "Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2013," (appropriations issues generally);
Advocated for appropriations for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); Advocated to maintain full funding for LIHEAP in both the CR and final appropriations bill;
H.R. 1, "Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011";
H.Res. 778, Continuing Appropriations Resolution 2013;
Advocated for appropriations for research and development to improve natural gas technologies and natural gas vehicles.