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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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REQUEST:

Re: Decoupling

Mr. Hirschorn's Rebuttal Testimony, page 7, says "the Evaluation Plan specifically did not call for the Evaluator to come to any conclusions regarding either the design of the mechanism or decoupling in general." Please explain what was meant by the second paragraph of the evaluation plan where it says "This Plan is comprised of a number of areas to be examined as part of the evaluation."

RESPONSE:

The Evaluation Plan was divided into a number of topical areas such as energy efficiency, limited income, etc., with a series of questions developed by the Advisory Group. In order to answer many of these questions, a detailed "examination" and compilation of the relevant data was necessary by the Evaluator. With this information presented in the Evaluation, the Parties could then draw their own conclusions regarding the Mechanism.