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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD

September 12, 2013

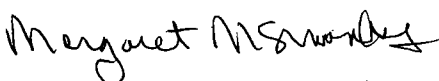
Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2013-410

This is in response to your letter to the Board's Office of Inspector General dated August 3, 2013, which was received by the Board's Freedom of Information Office on August 12. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, you request the following:

documents and/or any other response provided to the Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change in response to their February 25, 2013 letter request to your office signed by Co-Chairs Henry A. Waxman and Sheldon Whitehouse, Edward J. Markey and Benjamin L. Cardin.¹

Staff searched Board records and located documents responsive to your request. The Board's Freedom of Information Office will provide you with the documents you seek under separate cover. Your request, therefore, is granted in full.

Very truly yours,


Margaret McCloskey Shanks
Deputy Secretary of the Board

¹In a telephone conversation with Del Quisumbing of the Board's Legal Division on September 11, 2013, you clarified that your request seeks documents related to the Board's Office of Inspector General.



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU
WASHINGTON, DC 20551

March 28, 2013

The Honorable Edward J. Markey
Co-Chair, Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change
Ranking Member
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Markey:

This is our initial response to the Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change's (Task Force) letter dated February 25, 2013, which made a request of Offices of Inspector General regarding how the entities they oversee are confronting climate change. Accordingly, we are providing this response as the Office of Inspector General of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board).

The first part of the Task Force's request asked for an (1) identification of existing federal climate change requirements that apply to the Board, and (2) assessment of whether the Board is meeting those requirements and recommendations for improvement if the Board was not fully meeting those requirements. The second part of the request asked for an (1) assessment of the authorities the Board has to reduce emissions of heat-trapping pollution and make the nation more resilient to the effects of climate change, and (2) identification of steps the Board could take to reduce emissions or strengthen resiliency. The letter requested a response by March 29, 2013. However, during a recent conference call between Task Force staff and the Inspector General community, Task Force staff clarified that the Offices of Inspector General could provide an update on the status of their responses by March 29, 2013.

As was discussed during the recent teleconference, we have forwarded your request to the Board for their opinion on the federal climate change requirements that apply to the Board, and to also provide a report on the status of the Board's compliance with the applicable requirements identified. The Board's legal division is responsible for determining the federal climate change requirements to which it is subject. Accordingly, it is not within the jurisdiction of our office to render such an opinion. Once we receive and review the Board's response, we will provide the

Task Force with an update and projected time frame for our analysis and final response to the request.

Thank you for your interest in the work of our Office of Inspector General. If you have questions on this or any other matter, please contact me at 202-973-5005 or John Manibusan, Assistant Congressional and Media Liaison, of my staff at 202-973-5043. We are providing similar letters to Senators Whitehouse and Cardin and Congressman Waxman.

Sincerely,

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Mark Bialek
Inspector General



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March 28, 2013

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
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March 28, 2013

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Co-Chair, Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change
Chairman
Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cardin:

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March 28, 2013

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Co-Chair, Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
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