

## Pre-hearing Questions

1. Please detail the amount of capital investments [your company] has made in oil and gas exploration in each of the last three fiscal years? Of these investments, please detail how much was spent on exploration of new fields?
2. How much money has [your company] invested in each of the last three fiscal years on research and development generally? Of these research and development investments, how much was focused on the research and development of safer offshore drilling technologies? How much was focused on technologies related to rig safety and accident prevention? How much was focused on spill response technologies? How much was focused on research regarding renewable and alternative energy sources? Please break down that investment by renewable energy type (e.g., wind, solar, etc.).
3. How much has [your company] invested in deployment of renewable or alternative energy in each of the last three fiscal years? Please break down that investment by renewable energy type (e.g., wind, solar, etc.). What proportion of your revenue is currently derived from renewable or alternative energy production?
4. What steps do you believe the U.S. government and private industry should take to reduce the threat posed by climate change? Does [your company] support an economy wide cap on greenhouse gas emissions that includes transportation fuels? Would [your company] be able to pass any of the cost of purchasing emission allowances through to its customers? If so, what percentage would be passed through?
5. Is it the view of [your company] that the world oil market is a free market where oil prices are dictated solely by supply and demand? If no, what other factors determine the global price of oil?
6. How many offshore leases does [your company] hold under the Deep Water Royalty Relief Act that are not subject to the suspension of royalty relief based on market price? How much does [your company] project to avoid in royalty payments on these leases over the next five years and over the next twenty-five years?
7. What impact would drilling by [your company] in the U.S. Atlantic and Pacific Outer Continental Shelf areas previously under moratoria have on U.S. motor gasoline prices in 2020 and 2030? What impact would it have on total U.S. oil production and consumption?
8. In response to post-hearing questions posed by this Committee in 2008, [your company] stated that it believes that “government should not pick winners and losers” between energy sources and should not favor one energy source “at the

- expense of other energy supply sources.” In light of these comments, does [your company] support the elimination of the subsidies for oil and gas companies identified in the President’s Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2011?
9. How many deep water oil rigs does [your company] operate in the Gulf of Mexico; how many does it operate around the world? In which countries are these rigs located? What are the major differences in regulatory, royalty and tax policies between these countries that affect your operations and how do they compare to the United States?
  10. What is the maximum worst-case spill scenario [your company] is prepared to respond to from offshore oil operations in the Gulf of Mexico? Please outline the emergency plans you have in place to deal with deep water blow outs.
  11. What dispersants does [your company] have stores of and why were they selected? How much of each formulation do you have? Where are such stores kept? What are the logistical and implementation challenges, if any, associated with changing type of dispersant?
  12. Does [your company] conduct any evaluations regarding the efficacy or the toxicity of dispersants and if so what are the results?
  13. Does [your company] believe that Corexit is the most effective EPA-approved dispersant for south Louisiana crude oil to respond to the current spill in the Gulf of Mexico? Does [your company] have a financial interest in or other relationship with any companies that manufacture or sell an EPA-approved dispersant?
  14. In your response to post-hearing questions posed in 2008, Exxon Mobil stated that it believed “The United States needs to allow the oil and gas industry to bring to bear the full range of its technological advances to develop the fullest extent [of] the country’s domestic resources.” Given the current spill in the Gulf of Mexico, does [your company] still stand by this unqualified endorsement of all technologically possible exploration, no matter what the risk? Are there some domestic resources that should be off limits because the environmental and economic risks associated with a spill are too great?
  15. What recommendations does [your company] have for improving the safety of offshore drilling and the efficacy of oil spill response?