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Gentlemen:

We will receive the EPA's economic impact assessment on Monday, November 8. I will forward a copy to Duncan MacArthur and Stephen Nagy at Booz, Allen for their review. After they have spent a day looking over the materials, they will inform me (a) whether they believe they can give useful recommendations concerning cross-examination, and (b) whether they believe they can prepare a response to the document in the time allotted, which they could defend on cross-examination. After discussing the matter with Ridge Hall at the EPA, my guess is that on November 15 we will set a final witness schedule on the economic issues. Hall told me he would not object if we wished to cross-examine his economics witness on November 24 or 29; he also agreed that he could submit our economic affidavit on November 29, for cross-examination on December 3 or 6. This should give us a reasonable time in which to prepare our response to the economic impact study, if our consultant is prepared to go forward.

We received the estimate that their original review of the material will cost approximately $1200; subsequent costs will depend on the length of time involved in their study. Duncan MacArthur's daily rate is approximately $500,

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while Stephen Nagy's rate is approximately $750. They would also expect to use an economist from their Bethesda, Maryland office at a rate of approximately $350-400/day for one or two days to review the technical economics of the EPA's assessment.

These rates are moderately high, but are not excessive. Nagy has recently been named as a Vice President of Booz, Allen and his rates reflect his seniority. MacArthur would be the project leader (as they term it), and he prepared the earlier study on costs of eliminating PCB use in the capacitor industry, an excerpt of which appeared in the Chicago Conference proceedings report. (I enclose the complete report for your review.) By Tuesday or Wednesday of next week I will have received a more complete assessment of the service they can offer us, and a more detailed estimate of costs. I will confer with you over the telephone before making a firm commitment.

Best regards,

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