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From: Sebastian Blanco [Ex. 6]
Sent: 2/5/2018 7:38:18 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=bbe9682b940c4f2c90732e4d37355dd4-Daguillard,]
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Subject: Re: Reporter question on MPG Vehicle Stickers in EV era

Hello Robert

Thank you for this background information. On the EPA's site, I found some of the discussion about the 2006 label changes (document P1004EZ7) and a similar document for the 2011 discussion (P100BBGU), but if there are any others, those would be quite useful. Also, will it be possible to get someone from the EPA to talk on the record about the label, just running me through how it's supposed to work and give car buyers information? Articles are always better with quotes in them, after all.

Thank you,

Sebastian

On Mon, Feb 5, 2018 at 1:56 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Sebastian, on background, please:

On background:

In 2011, EPA, together with DOT (NHTSA), revised the [fuel economy label](#) through a public notice and comment rulemaking in part to address new vehicle types entering the market. The rulemaking was in response to new labeling requirements imposed by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. The update was informed by a consumer research campaign, meetings with stakeholders and written comments from the public.

At this time, EPA has no plans to initiate formal rulemaking to revise the current label. For more information: [Final Rule for Revisions and Additions to Motor Vehicle Fuel Economy Label](#)

MPGe: For vehicles that do not use liquid fuels, the label displays fuel economy as miles per gallon of gasoline-equivalent (MPGe), where a gallon of gasoline-equivalent means the number of kilowatt-hours of electricity, cubic feet of CNG, or kilograms of hydrogen that is equal to the energy in a gallon of gasoline. MPG has appeared on the label for several decades, and it is well understood by the public. Also, it's required by The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (label must display fuel economy, defined as "the average number of miles travelled by an automobile for each gallon of gasoline (or equivalent amount of other fuel) used.")

Thanks, R.

From: Sebastian Blanco [REDACTED] **Ex. 6**
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 1:14 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Reporter question on MPG Vehicle Stickers in EV era

Hello Robert,

Have you had a chance to look this over. I'd like to talk to someone soon (this week) for my story, so I'm hoping you can help me out. Thank you,

Sebastian

On Mon, Jan 29, 2018 at 4:01 PM, Sebastian Blanco [REDACTED] **Ex. 6** wrote:

Hello Robert,

The story is due in the middle of next week (around the 7th), so there is a bit of time to set up an interview. The story is on the window stickers themselves, not on the EPA specifically, and how they currently display the numbers relating to a plug-in vehicle. I want to cover the history of how the MPGe and EV range number were added, as well as share if the government is working with the OEMs on the next revisions already. If not, then I'd like to hear what the EPA is thinking about for what those discussions might cover when they do arrive. Basically, a piece that looks at the window sticker in relation to plug-in cars. Does that help?

Sebastian

On Mon, Jan 29, 2018 at 3:08 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Blanco (Sebastian, if I may and please, call me Robert),

Thanks for reaching out. Can you tell me more about your story (focusing, say, on EPA, or part of something bigger?), and send some questions? Just so I know who do direct them to?

Also, what's your deadline and when are you planning to publish your story?

Thanks, R.

Robert Daguillard

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From: Sebastian Blanco **Ex. 6**
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 3:03 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Reporter question on MPG Vehicle Stickers in EV era

Hello Mr. Daguillard,

My name is Sebastian Blanco. I'm an automotive journalist focused on green transportation news. I am writing you because I am working on a story for Automotive News about the EPA's window sticker in the electric vehicle era. Specifically, I'd like to talk to someone about the history of the inclusion of the MPGe number and someone who have been working with the OEMs about the next steps for how plug-in vehicles will be tested/rated/and have their numbers displayed on these window stickers.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you,

Sebastian

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