Federal Energy Policy: Legislation and Regulation Outlook

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Partisan Gridlock, High Gasoline Prices and 2012 Election Cycle will drive debate on Energy Policy

Administration
• Aggressive regulatory push
• Funding and oversight battles with House

Congress
• Funding debates
• Senate may debate clean energy legislation
• House will pass lots of legislation and conduct aggressive Administration oversight
Administration

Aggressive Regulatory Push

- OCS Regulations and Permitting Rules
- Keystone XL Presidential Permit
- Clean Air Act Climate Regulations
- NEPA Climate Regulations
- ESA Climate Regulations
- EPA Hydraulic Fracturing Study
Administration

Funding and Oversight Battles

• House Republicans are very focused on “reigning in” Administrative regulatory initiatives
• National debate on fiscal responsibility and government funding will provide context to several energy/environment fights
• 2012 Presidential Election is already influencing political fights in DC
Congress

Substantive Legislation
• Senator Bingaman will try to move “comprehensive” legislation in Senate
• House Republicans will move OCS legislation

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Gasoline Prices are going to drive energy debate

**2008 Price Spike was a Game Changer**
- Congress dropped OCS Moratorium rider
- President Bush dropped Presidential Withdrawal
- Big role in Presidential Campaign

**2011 Price Spike will have major impact on public debate**
- OCS Regulations and Permits
- Keystone XL Permit
Election Cycle is going to drive energy debate

Republican Goals

• Blame President for 100% increase in gasoline prices
• Blame President for unemployment and weak economy
  • Cap-and-Trade and Climate Regulations
  • Gulf of Mexico Shutdown

Democratic Goals

• Green Jobs
• Blame “Big Oil”
Implications for Ports to Plains Alliance

Partisan Gridlock
- Administration Oversight
- No Major Energy Policy Legislation

Administration
- War with House
- Major Push on Regulatory Initiatives
- 2012 Election will drive all decisions

Policy Fights in Unexpected Places
- GHG Regulations – NEPA, ESA & CWA
- Policy Provisions of Highway Bill and other vehicles
Implications for Ports to Plains Alliance

**Congressional Debate on Energy Policy**
- Engage directly with members of Congressional Delegation
- Write Letters/Op-Eds/Letters to Editor

**Administrative Regulatory Proceedings**
- File Comments
- Write Letters to Political Leadership
- Leverage Congress
- Op-Eds/Letters to Editor
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