Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)

1.	Your Name: Barry T. Smitherman		
2.	Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes ✓	No
3.	Are you testifying on behalf of an entity that is not a government entity?	Yes	No
4.	Other than yourself, please list which entity or entities you are representing:		
5.	Please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that you or the entity you represent have received on or after October 1, 2009:		
6.	If your answer to the question in item 3 in this form is "yes," please describe your position or representational capacity with the entity or entities you are representing:		
7.	If your answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," do any of the entities disclosed in item 4 have parent organizations, subsidiaries, or partnerships that you are not representing in your testimony?	Yes	No
8.	If the answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that were received by the entities listed under the question in item 4 on or after October 1, 2009, that exceed 10 percent of the revenue of the entities in the year received, including the source and amount of each grant or contract to be listed:		
9.	Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

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Public Sector Experience: Barry Smitherman is the **Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas**. The Railroad Commission, created by the Texas Constitution in 1891, is the state regulator of the oil, natural gas, lignite coal, intra-state pipeline, and gas distribution businesses in Texas. There are three Railroad Commissioners and they are elected statewide for six-year terms.

Texas is the Number one producer of crude oil in the United States, with an estimated daily production of 1.2 million barrels per day, the number one producer of natural gas with a production of 17 billion cubic feet per day, and the number five producer of coal. About half of all the land based drilling rigs in America are located in Texas. If Texas were an independent nation exporting oil to the rest of the U.S., Texas would be the third largest exporter behind Saudi Arabia and Canada.

Texas has always been at the forefront of energy regulation and technological innovation. Horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing techniques were first invented and then refined in Texas by Texas' operators. Recently, Texas again led the country by promulgating the first hydraulic fracturing fluid disclosure rule; a rule that requires all oil and gas operators drilling in Texas to disclose the chemical ingredients they are putting "down hole."

Prior to his appointment by Texas Governor Rick Perry to the Railroad Commission in July of 2011, Barry was the **Chairman of the Public Utility Commission**. At the Public Utility Commission, a position he held for over seven years—the last four as Chairman, Barry shepherded the successful transition of the Texas electricity market from a fully regulated rate of return model used in most states to the most competitive retail choice market in America. As result of competition among retailers, Texas' electric customers are saving millions of dollars and can choose among a variety of retail offerings.

Private Sector Experience: Barry spent 16 years as a public finance investment banker helping state and local governments throughout the South and Southwest, to save hundreds of millions of dollars. He held leadership positions with JP Morgan, Lazard, First Boston (now part of Credit Suisse) and Bank One (now part of JP Morgan).

Professional Associations: Barry Smitherman is on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), is Vice Chairman of the Gas Committee at NARUC, sits on the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), the Southern States Energy Board, The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology Visiting Committee, The University of Texas Law School Center for Global Energy, International Arbitration, and Environmental Law, and recently completed two terms on the Department of Energy Electricity Advisory Committee.

Education: Barry Smitherman graduated *summa cum laude* with a BBA from **Texas A&M University**. He received his JD from **The University of Texas School of Law,** and a MPA from **Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government** where he was the first recipient of the Joel Leff Fellowship in Political Economy.

Personal: Barry has been married 25 years and has four children.