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COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY**

**HEARING CHARTER**

December 7, 2017

**TO:** Members, Subcommittee on Energy

**FROM:** Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

**SUBJECT:** Energy Subcommittee hearing: “Advancing Solar Energy Technology: Research Trumps Deployment”

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The Subcommittee on Energy will hold a hearing titled *Advancing Solar Energy Technology: Research Trumps Deployment* on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

**Hearing Purpose:**

The purpose of this hearing is to examine advancements in solar energy technology and the Department of Energy’s (DOE) reported effort to refocus solar energy funding towards early-stage research, including the Solar Energy Technologies Office multi-year program involving early-stage research on photovoltaics (PV) technology, grid integration, PV materials, and concentrating solar thermal power. Additionally, this hearing will discuss the National Renewable Energy Laboratory’s (NREL) basic and early-stage research initiatives focused on improving solar energy technology.

**Witness List**

- **Mr. Daniel Simmons**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, US Department of Energy
- **Dr. Martin Keller**, Director, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- **Dr. Steve Eglash**, Executive Director, Strategic Research Initiatives, Computer Science for Stanford University
- **Mr. Kenny Stein**, Director of Policy, Institute for Energy Research

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