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ENERGY AND WATER REQUESTS DUE MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>  
ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION AND MEMBER LETTER REQUIRED

Dear Colleague:

As the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee, we are pleased to provide information regarding procedures for Member requests for fiscal year 2007 appropriations, the hearing schedule, and outside witness testimony.

We look forward to reviewing funding recommendations and project requests from Members of Congress. The Subcommittee will require Members to submit their fiscal year 2007 requests electronically; in addition to providing a letter confirming, in priority order, the Member's electronically submitted requests. The electronic request form and instructions for its use may be found at <http://onlinecao.house.gov/appropriations/>. Following validation of the data submitted electronically on the website, print a hard copy of the form for your records.

It is essential that the Member letter and the electronic submission number each request in priority order, including programmatic requests, the letter must also contain, at a minimum, the priority, project name, agency and amount of the request. A sample letter is provided on the Subcommittee website. The letter must be submitted to the Majority Subcommittee office in **2362 Rayburn HOB**. In addition, Democratic Members should submit a copy of their letter to **2256 Rayburn HOB**.

The electronic and letter requests must be received by the Subcommittee no later than **5:00 pm on Thursday, March 16, 2006**. Because we anticipate an accelerated appropriations schedule this year, compliance with the deadline is essential for us to consider your requests.

As in previous years, we are unlikely to carry authorizing language or provide funding for Corps of Engineers or Bureau of Reclamation new starts. We anticipate including only a limited number of earmarks in our bill and report this year, so Members should assign the top priorities only to the most essential projects. Members are

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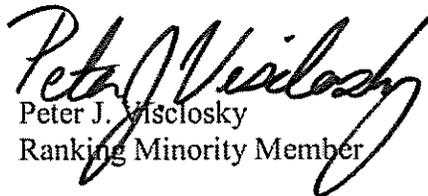
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generally encouraged to limit the total number of Subcommittee requests. Members should be aware that additional earmark limitations and disclosure requirements may arise later in the year.

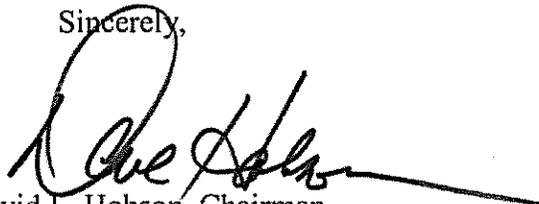
Members are not required to request funding included in the President's budget unless they are seeking a programmatic increase or a specific project that must be explicitly named within the programmatic account. However, Members should request funds for specific Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation projects; absent such a request, the Subcommittee will assume budgeted water projects are not Congressional priorities.

The Subcommittee plans to hold hearings on the President's fiscal year 2007 budget requests for the agencies under its jurisdiction throughout March. These hearings and a list of witnesses will be posted on the committee's public website ([www.house.gov/appropriations](http://www.house.gov/appropriations)) when finalized. The Subcommittee will not be scheduling any outside witness hearings on the fiscal year 2007 budget, nor will it be possible to receive oral testimony from Members of Congress this year. In lieu of testifying in person, Members and public witnesses may submit a written statement for the hearing record. Specifics on submitting written testimony may be found on the committee's House website (<http://appropriations.house.gov>). The deadline for such written testimony is March 16, 2006.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Visclosky  
Ranking Minority Member



David L. Hobson, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy  
and Water Development