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A Comment from Kurt Myers follows:

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Please describe your comment briefly:
Dear Commissioners,

Our names are Gary Seifert and Kurt Myers, program manager and staff engineer respectively, for the INL Biofuels and Renewable Energy Technologies Department. We have been involved in the workshops to resolve the capital cost portion of the avoided cost calculations. A filing was made recently in regards to the results from these workshops, case number GNR-E-08-02. We are interested in seeing the avoided cost recalculated again as quickly as possible to allow developers to move forward with their projects.

Since we work for the INL, we are not allowed to sign on to the settlement stipulation without many legal reviews going back to DOE Headquarters. Needless to say our approval to sign would be quickly overtaken by bureaucratic red tape and we do not want to be the long pole in the tent for this process. However, as we participated in much of the recent workshop process, we are in support of the proposed filing on the updates to the SAR capital costs.

We agree with the language that leaves this open for future adjustments to the various costs, if better information and cost updates become available. We also agree with the section discussing avoided cost updates when new gas forecasts become available, and that both the fuel and non-fuel components of the avoided cost calculation should be adjusted at the same time this year when the gas forecast is updated.

Please contact us if we can be of further assistance, and if we can do anything else to help this process move forward. Thank you!

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