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**Sixth and Final Meeting**

**Committee on Assessing Approaches to Updating the  
Social Cost of Carbon**

**August 23, 2016**

**The Keck Center  
500 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001**

**Tuesday, August 23**

**Room Keck 201**

**8:30 am**      **Remarks and Q&A with members of the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Carbon (IWG)**

Presenter: Elizabeth Kopits, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

IWG members who will be available to answer questions:

Jim Laity, Office of Management and Budget

Elizabeth Kopits, EPA

Elke Hodson, Department of Energy

Sheila Olmstead, Council of Economic Advisers

**9:00**            **End public session, break**

**NOTE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS:** This meeting is being held to gather information to help the committee conduct its study. This committee will examine the information and material obtained during this, and other public meetings, in an effort to inform its work. Although opinions may be stated and lively discussion may ensue, no conclusions are being drawn at this time; no recommendations will be made. In fact, the committee will deliberate thoroughly before writing its draft report. Moreover, once the draft report is written, it must go through a rigorous review by experts who are anonymous to the committee. The committee then must respond to this review with appropriate revisions to the report that adequately satisfy both the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's (the Academies') Report Review Committee and its president before it is considered an Academies report. Therefore, observers who draw conclusions about the committee's work based on today's discussions will be doing so prematurely.

Furthermore, individual committee members often engage in discussion and questioning for the specific purpose of probing an issue and sharpening an argument. The comments of any given committee member may not necessarily reflect the position he or she may actually hold on the subject under discussion, to say nothing of that person's future position as it may evolve in the course of the project. Any inferences about an individual's position regarding findings or recommendations in the final report are therefore also premature.