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By Jack Fitzpatrick

Week in Review

Trump takes office

- President Donald Trump did not mention energy policy specifics in his inaugural speech, but soon after he took office, the new administration's website detailed plans to undo the Obama administration's environmental regulations.

Trump nominees testify, stake out similar positions on climate change

- Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry (R), tapped to lead the Department of Energy, said he regrets his 2012 presidential campaign promise to eliminate the agency. He also disavowed a Trump transition team questionnaire that requested the names of DOE employees who attended climate change conferences.

- Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt downplayed his ties to fossil-fuel companies during his Senate confirmation hearing to lead the Environmental Protection Agency.

- Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.), Trump's pick to lead the Department of the Interior, said he is "absolutely against the transfer or sale of public lands," but also said he would review Obama administration environmental regulations.

- Perry, Pruitt, Zinke and Secretary of State designee Rex Tillerson all staked out the same position on global warming: climate change is taking place, but the effect of human activity is unclear.

- Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), one of few congressional Republicans who supports action on climate change, said he will vote to confirm Pruitt.

Climate hawks prepare for Trump presidency

- The Obama administration [illegible]0 million to the United Nations' Green Climate Fund to addre[illegible]hange.

- If Trump pulls the U.S. out of th[illegible]ate agreement, Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton said that "withi[illegible]ek, American mayors will physically get together and si[illegible]t agreement on behalf of the people that we represent."

- British climate scientists sent P[illegible]r Theresa May a letter asking her to persuade Trump to su[illegible] research.

Permian Basin gets more attention

- ExxonMobil Corp. agreed to a [illegible]as much as $6.6 billion to buy companies with drilling rights [illegible]acres in Texas and New Mexico.

- Permian Basin oil production c[illegible]53,000 barrels a day by February, the Energy Depart[illegible]

Russian optimism in Davos

- Russian executives were more [illegible] this year's World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland [illegible]ere at last year's forum, as oil prices rise and Trump signals [illegible]end to sanctions.

What's Ahead

- Trump has said he'll start the process of undoing Obama administration executive actions immediatel[illegible] office.

- On Monday, the Senate Foreig[illegible] Committee will vote on Rex Tillerson's confirmation as se[illegible]ate at 4:30 p.m.

- On Monday, the House will vot[illegible] of the Energy and Commerce Committee, including bills on [illegible]hanges, advanced nuclear technologies, and energy-effi[illegible]ards for security systems.

- The House Energy and Comm[illegible]tee will meet Tuesday to name subcommittee leaders and ro[illegible]

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

Monday

Tuesday	Columbia University [redacted] n Trump energy policy	5:30 p.m.
Smart Cities International Sy[redacted]d Exhibition in Chicago		8:1 a.m
Carnegie Endowment for Int[redacted]eace discussion on Mexico energy policy		11 a.m
House Energy and Commer[redacted]e organizational meeting		11: a.m
Wednesday		
Smart Cities International Sy[redacted]d Exhibition in Chicago		8:15 a.m.
USAEE annual dinner with [redacted]yers Jaffe		6 p.m.
Thursday		
AEI discussion on carbon ta[redacted]		9 a.m.
Atlantic Council discussion [redacted]s diplomacy		9 a.m.
Friday		
CSIS presents IEA's Global [redacted] Review		10 a.m.

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Morning Consult Energy Top Reads

1) 'Learning Curve' as Rick Perry Pursues a Job He Initially Misunderstood
Coral Davenport and David E. Sanger, The New York Times

2) Trump's EPA Pick Raised A Lot Of Money For Candidates That Never Reached Them
Alexander C. Kaufman, The Huffington Post

3) Trump's Interior pick: Climate [redacted] ot a hoax
John Siciliano, Washington Exa[redacted]

4) Don Blankenship must serve [redacted] year sentence after federal appeals court ruling
Brad McElhinny, WV MetroNew[redacted]

5) Energy Department Sec. Nor[redacted] Perry: 'I Regret' Calls to Nix Agency
Emma Margolin, NBC News

6) Electricity now flows across c[redacted] ourtesy of direct current
The Economist

7) Obama Administration Sendi[redacted] on to Global Climate Change Fund
Amy Harder, The Wall Street Jo[redacted]

8) No Hoax: 2016 Was the Hott[redacted] Record
Tom Randall and Blacki Miglioz[redacted] g News

9) Pruitt Downplays Fossil-Fuel [redacted] s Other Nominees on Climate
Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consu[redacted]

10) China's war on coal continu[redacted] ntry just canceled 104 new coal plants
Brad Plumer, Vox

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