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Cc: PS DECC SPADS; PS Gregory Barker (DECC); PS Charles Hendry (DECC); PS Jonathan Marland (DECC); Perm Sec (DECC); PS Chris Huhne; Wynnowen Phil (National Climate Change); Church [redacted] Virley Simon (Energy Strategy & Futures); [redacted] Barton [redacted]

Subject: CH and GB mtgs with steel industries
Importance: Low

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I attended meetings yesterday that Charles Hendry had with EEF/UK Steel and Greg Barker had with 4 MPs (all labour) with steel plants in their constituency (and UK Steel and Community Union reps).

Themes across both were similar and EEF handed over the attached lobbying script at the end of the mtg. Key points were:

- carbon price floor was bad news for manufacturing and seemed overkill simply to deliver ambitious renewable targets; CPF would cost steel industry £16m in 2013 but the increased CCL relief would only deliver £3m back – a net loss in the first year of £13m
- EMR would push up energy costs even more and manufacturing would leave UK – EEF pressed for scope for the authority running CfD mechanisms to have an ability to recompense customers and/or not place all price risk on customers – a meeting with EMR officials was planned
- parts of the govt were anti-industry – both delegations referred to an SoS speech to a Fabian Society event which allegedly pilloried "smokestack" "old" industries

Both Ministers explained the govt was not anti-industry; viz our energy intensive industry work wth key sectors including steel, BIS and HMT. EMR/CPF was needed to decarbonise power sector and DECC keen to work with industry on delivering carbon reduction while maintaining strong manufacturing in the UK – not least to deliver the low carbon infrastructure. Both ministers agreed to visit steel plants.....

GB has also agreed to attend an EEF/APPG on steel dinner later in the year (July?).
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