

APPENDIX A Correspondence with Talisman Energy – David Mann,  
Senior Manager, Corporate & Investor Communications

**From:** <SourceWatch contributor name withheld>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 02, 2008 12:11 PM  
**To:** Mann, Dave  
**Subject:** Talisman and Friends of Science

Dear Mr. Mann,

As I mentioned to your assistant today, I am currently preparing a preliminary report on the University of Calgary Climate Change Debate project. The report and accompanying FOIA request will be released to the University and to the public some time next week.

Part of the report focuses on the origins of Friends of Science Society, including links between Talisman Energy and PR company APCO Worldwide and the role of Talisman employee and CSPG Bulletin editor Tim de Freitas.. I would like from you an official statement that would address the following questions:

1. What was the value of contracted services supplied to Talisman by APCO Worldwide in the period 2002-2004? What services were provided? Please provide as many details as possible.
2. Was any monetary contribution or other support given directly or indirectly by Talisman to FoS at any time? If so, please give details.
3. Was there any direct or indirect monetary contribution to FoS from any officers of Talisman (including CEO James Buckee)? Again, if so, please provide available details.
4. What was the position and main activities of Tim de Freitas at Talisman in the period 2002-2004? Was the editorship of the CSPG Bulletin considered a part of his duties, or was it "extra-curricular"? Was de Freitas given part-time leave, whether paid or unpaid, for this purpose? Please provide all relevant details.
5. Who approved the posting (up until at least March, 2006) on the Talisman website of the article by FoS scientific advisor Chris de Freitas, entitled "Are observed changes in the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere really dangerous?" and originally published in the June 2002 issue of the Bulletin of Canadian Petroleum Geology? Were officers of Talisman (including CEO Buckee) aware of the posting?

To assist you in your response, I have attached a set of internet references that will probably be cited in the report.

By the way, I am reasonably satisfied that Talisman is no longer involved in climate change "skeptical" activities, and in all probability has had no significant involvement in the three other Canadian "skeptical" organizations (Fraser Institute, Frontier Centre for Public Policy and the Natural Resources Stewardship Project). But obviously questions remain concerning past involvement with APCO Worldwide and FoS, and these should be resolved once and for all.

I look forward to discussing these matters at your earliest convenience, and may be reached at the phone numbers below.

Best regards,  
<SourceWatch contributor name withheld>

**Subject: RE: Talisman and Friends of Science**  
**Date: Tue, 7 Oct 2008 08:06:16**  
**From: Mann, Dave <email address deleted>**  
**To: <SourceWatch contributor name withheld>**  
**CC: Manhas, Reg <email address deleted>**

Hi <SourceWatch contributor name withheld>

This is a level below anything I am involved in from the communications side - so I've had to ask some questions. We support hundreds of causes across Canada and globally, from first nations initiatives, wetlands, healthcare and education. As mentioned in my previous email, if contributions to the friends of science or any group were significant or longstanding, then they would have crossed my desk, but this wasn't the case.

As you well know, our previous CEO Jim Buckee was skeptical of the science behind global warming. From talking to people who handle Talisman's donations requests, some small amounts of funding were requested by Jim, in addition, groups knowing Jim's views could have approached us for support. Similarly we would have considered and funded requests for groups with opposing views.

Our current CEO, John Manzoni has a very different view on the issue of climate change, which is reflected in his chairmanship of organizations such as the World Business Council on Sustainable Development, as well as his co-chairmanship of a recent report entitled "Tomorrow's Global Company", which can be accessed at [www.tomorrowscompany.com](http://www.tomorrowscompany.com)

Good luck with the U of C Climate Change Debate.

Dave Mann

**From: <SourceWatch contributor name withheld>**  
**Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2008 3:44 PM**  
**To: Mann, Dave <email address deleted>**  
**Subject: Talisman and Friends of Science**

Hello Dave,  
Thanks for getting back to me. This is what I intend to write:

"The author has communicated with both Talisman Energy and Imperial Oil. It appears that Talisman may have donated "small amounts" to Friends of Science, at the request of then-CEO James Buckee, but the total and timing of Talisman donations is not known. Buckee, whose "skeptical" views of climate change are well known,[REF] left the company in 2006. The official views of Talisman itself are in line with the mainstream scientific consensus on climate change, as are those of current CEO John Manzoni. {REF} As for Imperial Oil, so far that company has refused to divulge any information on the matter, despite repeated requests. Recent correspondence with the two companies are in APPENDICES XXX and XXX."

I do think that Talisman should ascertain and communicate as much precise detail as possible on this matter. But I do appreciate what you have given so far. If you have anything to add, or wish to discuss it further, please let me know.

Thanks, <SourceWatch contributor name withheld>