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Dear Chairman Markey,

Thank you for your letter of August 16 inquiring about my availability for a Subcommittee on Energy and Environment hearing in September regarding the *Deepwater Horizon* accident and BP's plans for enhancing the safety of its operations. These issues are critically important to BP.

As you know, approximately three weeks ago I was named the BP Group Chief Executive-designate and will be assuming this role on October 1. Given the limited time available, I will need to focus my full attention on ensuring a smooth and effective transition into the Chief Executive role and will therefore unfortunately be unavailable to attend the hearing.

Let me make clear that at BP, safety is our highest priority. That is why the tragic accident on board the *Deepwater Horizon* drilling rig is so devastating to me personally and to the thousands of BP employees who work tirelessly each day to deliver safe, reliable and compliant operations. I want to understand how this accident occurred, and I will thoughtfully consider the findings from the multiple investigations that are looking into this incident.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Dudley