

### **Econ 366 Book / Video Review:**

The book / video review should consist of a 1000 word (or longer) paper that (i) provides a synopsis of the overall content of the selected book or video (about 250 to 300 words); and (ii) provides a detailed discussion and/or critique of one or more of the energy economics themes covered in the book or video (750 to 800 words). A maximum of 100 words of direct quotations from the book or video are allowed.

The grade for the review will be based both on content (80%) and presentation (20%) [i.e., organization, spelling and grammar count!]. A paper that does not meet a minimum word count of 950 words will, at best, earn a grade of D+.

The review can be based on any of the following videos or books:

#### Videos

- [1] Beurenaut, JP and Yves Billon (2011) Oil: The Epic of Black Gold (Planet Group Entertainment)\*
- [2] Disney/Pixar (2001) Monsters Inc
- [3] Paine, Chris (2006) Who Killed the Electric Car? (Sony Pictures Home Entertainment)

\* *If this video is selected, the review can be based on any 2 of the 6 available episodes.*

#### Books

- [5] Ballem, J. (1991) The Barons, Hanna, AB: Gorman & Gorman. \*\*
- [6] Lovins, A. (2011) Reinventing Fire: Bold Business Solutions for the New Energy Era, White River Jct., Vermont: Chelsea Green.
- [7] Nikiforuk, A. (2010) Tar Sands: Dirty Oil and the Future of a Continent, Toronto: Greystone Books.
- [8] Nuttall, M. (2010) Pipeline Dreams: people, environment, and the Arctic energy frontier, Copenhagen: International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs
- [9] Rubin, J. (2012) The End\* of Growth: \*But is that all bad?, Toronto: Random House.
- [10] Smil, V. (2010) Energy myths and realities: bringing science to the energy policy debate, Washington, DC: AEI Press.

\*\* *This novel is also included in John Ballem's "Oil Patch Quartet" published by Cormorant Books. (Warning: "reader discretion advised" as the novel contains violence, potentially offensive language and explicit sexual content)*

**With the permission of the instructor, you may write a review of a book or video with an energy focus that is not on the list provided. Permission should be obtained at least 3 weeks ahead of the due date.**