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JIM DOYLE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

February 25, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary, U. S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: State Energy Program Assurances

Dear Secretary Chu:

As a condition of receiving our State's share of the \$3.1 billion funding for the State Energy Program (SEP) under the American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009 (H.R. 1)(ARRA), I am providing the following assurances.

I have written to our public utility commission and requested that it consider additional actions to promote energy efficiency, consistent with the Federal statutory language contained in H.R. 1 and its obligations to maintain just and reasonable rates, while protecting the public.

As set forth in the attached letter, the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin has informed me that the Commission will take the appropriate steps provided under H.R. 1.

I have also written to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and requested that he consider actions to improve building energy codes, consistent with State law and State constitutional requirements, and to consider the statutory language contained in ARRA.

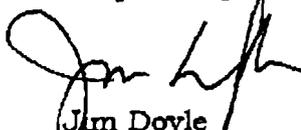
We are prioritizing our energy investments to take advantage of existing programs and expand programs where appropriate.

Our State is committed to a robust improvement in energy efficiency and renewable energy, as well as a balanced State energy policy. I want to assure you that, within the limits of my authority, we will move forward in these critical areas.

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We look forward to immediate distribution of the Federal SEP funds to permit my State to make progress in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Doyle
Governor

Attachment

cc: Gil Sperling, Director, Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs, U.S. Department of Energy
David Terry, Executive Director, National Association of State Energy Officials
State Energy Director



Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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February 25, 2009

The Honorable Jim Doyle
Governor of Wisconsin
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Dear Governor Doyle:

I have received your letter dated February 24, 2009, requesting that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) consider additional actions to promote energy efficiency, consistent with the State Energy Program under the American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009 (H.R. 1) and the Commission's obligations to maintain just and reasonable rates while protecting the public. I write to assure you that the Commission will take the appropriate steps under H.R. 1. In fact, consistent with that provision, the Commission has approved a revenue decoupling mechanism in a recent utility rate case, Commission Docket No. 6690-UR-119, and is conducting a generic docket on revenue decoupling in Docket No. 05-UI-114.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Callisto', written over a horizontal line.

Eric Callisto
Chairperson

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