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GOVERNOR

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

March 23,2009

Dear Secretary Chu:

Re: State Energy Program Assurances

In accordance with Section 410 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, I hereby notify you that I have obtained necessary assurances that each of the following will occur:

(1) The applicable State regulatory authority will seek to implement, in appropriate proceedings for each electric and gas utility, with respect to which the State regulatory authority has ratemaking authority, a general policy that ensures that utility financial incentives are aligned with helping their customers use energy more efficiently and that provide timely cost recovery and timely earnings opportunity for utilities associated with cost-effective measurable and verifiable efficiency savings, in a way that sustains or enhances utility customers' incentives to use energy more efficiently.
(2) The State, or the applicable units of local government that have authority to adopt building codes, will implement the following:
    (A) A building energy code (or codes) for residential buildings that meets or exceeds the most recently published International Energy Conservation Code, or achieves equivalent or greater energy savings.
    (B) A building energy code (or codes) for commercial buildings throughout the State that meets or exceeds the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007, or achieves equivalent or greater energy savings.
    (C) A plan for achieving compliance with the building energy code or codes described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) within eight years of the date of enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment

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Act of 2009 in at least 90 percent of new and renovated residential and commercial building space. This plan will include active training and enforcement programs and annual measurement of the rate of compliance.

(3) The State will to the extent practicable prioritize the grants toward funding energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, including:

(A) the expansion of existing energy efficiency programs approved by the State or the appropriate regulatory authority, including energy efficiency retrofits of buildings and industrial facilities, that are funded by the State or through rates under the oversight of the applicable regulatory authority, to the extent applicable;

(B) the expansion of existing programs, approved by the State or the appropriate regulatory authority, to support renewable energy projects and deployment activities, including programs operated by entities which have the authority and capability to manage and distribute grants, loans, performance incentives, and other forms of financial assistance; and

(C) cooperation and joint activities between States to advance more efficient and effective use of this funding to support the priorities described above.

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Governor of the State of Connecticut

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Date