Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs ("Office of Indian Energy") and Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs are pleased to announce upcoming roundtable sessions with tribal leaders to engage in discussions about Indian energy policy and programs and to prepare for the Department's upcoming Tribal Nation Summit on May 5, 2011. The Office of Indian Energy is charged by Congress to direct, foster, coordinate, and implement energy planning, education, management, and programs that assist tribes with energy development, capacity building, energy infrastructure, energy costs, and electrification of Indian lands and homes. To this end, the Office of Indian Energy has begun its outreach to Indian tribes and tribal leadership to discuss the various policy and programs issues and opportunities related to energy development on tribal lands. We hope you will join us at one of the many roundtable sessions scheduled to discuss these important issues to tribes and tribal members.

We expect to organize our discussions around the obstacles, opportunities, needs, priorities, and possible solutions related to:

- Feedback on the upcoming Department's Tribal Nation Summit and expectations for the Summit
- Electricity generation – clean, conventional and renewable; commercial and community scale
- Conventional and renewable energy development
- Transmission and infrastructure
- Public/private partnerships
- Energy efficiency and management
- Financing and tax incentives for energy development and infrastructure
- Climate change affects and mitigation
- Market barriers and opportunities - energy purchasing, project siting, marketing and financing
- Education and workforce development
- Leveraging, coordinating and optimizing federal resources and programs

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In preparation for the Summit the following roundtable discussions are scheduled for the following dates and places:

March 16 - Reno, Nevada

March 16 – Las Vegas, Nevada (at RES 2011 Conference)

March 23 – Pala Reservation, California (at NAFOA Conference)

March 30 – Washington, DC (Department of Energy Headquarters)

April 5 – Phoenix, Arizona

April 6 – Albuquerque, New Mexico

April 12 – Quinault Reservation, Washington (at ATNI Conference)

April 14 – Tulsa, Oklahoma

April 14 – Anchorage, Alaska

Specific details on locations and times for the meetings will be announced shortly and published on the Office of Indian Energy website at: http://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/

Even if you are unable to attend any of these roundtable discussions, we value your input. Therefore, we encourage written comments. Comments can be submitted by email to tribalconsultation@hq.doe.gov or by regular mail to:

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We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming roundtable discussion.

Sincerely,

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