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March 2, 2009

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

Dear Secretary Chu,

Re: American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009 (ARRA) State Energy
Program Notification

The State of Utah recognizes the importance of energy efficiency and renewable energy resources. The Utah State Legislature and I previously established statutes and goals for energy efficiency in state and private sector buildings, as well as state vehicle fleets. In accordance with requirements for receiving Utah's share of the \$3.1 billion funding for the State Energy Program (SEP) under Section 410 of the American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009 (H.R. 1), I offer the following information.

Utah's regulated electricity and natural gas utilities already have Demand Side Management programs, established through the Utah Public Service Commission, which meet the requirements of Section 410(1) of ARRA. I am writing the Utah Public Service Commission to encourage their continued implementation of energy efficiency, consistent with ARRA.

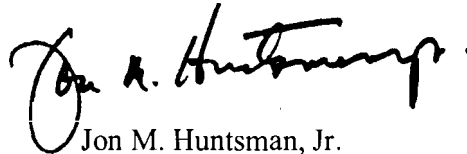
Regarding building codes, Utah has a statewide adoption process where the most current IECC code for residential and commercial buildings is reviewed and formally adopted the year following the release of the new code. The IECC 2006 Code and equivalent commercial code is in place now. It is our intent that the State of Utah will adopt the IECC 2009 Code for residential and commercial buildings (including ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007) according to the schedule noted above. During 2008, the State Energy Program provided training on the energy efficiency portions of the code for the building industry and local government planners and inspectors. We expect to continue those training opportunities this year.

I am also writing the Utah State Legislative leadership and the Utah Department of Commerce to request they continue to support building codes that meet or exceed these residential and commercial building energy efficiency standards in the future. Additionally, we are in the process of developing and implementing strategies to improve enforcement of building codes in line with the requirements of HR1.

The State Energy Program will prioritize our energy investments in order 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.

We look forward to immediate distribution of the Federal SEP funds to help Utah make progress in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jon M. Huntsman, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
Governor

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
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