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March 23, 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 informed them that, in order to receive these funds, the State must consider additional actions to promote energy efficiency, consistent with the Federal statutory language contained in H.R. 1 and their obligations to maintain just and reasonable rates, while protecting the public. I have also written to the State Legislature and informed them that they must consider actions to improve building energy codes, consistent with State law and State Constitutional requirements, and to consider the statutory language contained in ARRA.

Our State Energy Office has informed our office that it is prioritizing our energy investments to take advantage of existing programs and expand programs where appropriate.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Sanford".

Mark Sanford

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