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Governor

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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 requested our public utility commission (the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission) to consider additional actions to promote energy efficiency, consistent with the federal statutory language contained in H.R. 1 and their obligations to maintain fair and reasonable rates, while protecting the public. I have also requested the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission to 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.

Indiana 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.

We look forward to immediate distribution of the federal SEP funds to permit Indiana in progressing towards energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Respectfully Submitted,

cc: Gil Sperling, Director, Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs,
U.S. Department of Energy
David Lott Hardy, Chairman, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
Brandon Seitz, Director, Indiana Office of Energy Development
David P. Hannum, P.E., Chairman, Fire Prevention & Building Safety Commission