

Oregon's Renewable Energy Working Group

July 13, 2007

Dear REWG Members:

As the chair of Oregon's Renewable Energy Working Group (REWG), I would like to thank you for all of your hard work over the past year and a half. The REWG was instrumental in developing Oregon's renewable energy legislation, including the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), and helping to set Oregon on a path to become a leader in renewable energy.

I would like to persuade you all to continue to participate with the REWG. We have a significant amount of work ahead of us in order to continue guiding the implementation of *Oregon's Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP)*. We can be proud of what we have been able to accomplish as a diverse group of stakeholders, and it appears that there is still much more to be done. I see the REWG as a forum to review the implementation of new legislation as well as a place to address emerging issues.

At the July 23, 2007 REWG meeting, we will get a briefing on new energy legislation, information on the RPS rule-making process, and updates from several renewable technology working groups. Next we will talk about progress made on the REAP tasks, obstacles to remaining tasks, and finally discuss a facilitated work session for the REWG to develop a prioritized work plan for REAP implementation. The work session will occur in early fall 2007.

I am encouraged by the Governor's continued strong support of our group and the tasks we are charged with. I hope to see you all at the upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mike W. McArthur

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