

February 27, 2009

President Kevin Cramer Public Service Commission 600 E Boulevard Dept. 408 Bismarck ND 58505

RE: State Energy Program Funding

Dear Mr. Cramer:

I am attaching the relevant section of the recently passed American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009 (H.R. 1)(ARRA), which contains a requirement that Governors make certain assurances regarding energy efficiency programs as a condition of the State receiving our share of \$3.1 billion from the Federal State Energy Program (SEP).

Within the limits of my authority as Governor, and fully recognizing that you have been elected to an independent regulatory agency, I request that you consider appropriate additional steps consistent with State law, the attached statute and relevant PURPA requirements, to implement appropriate incentives for energy efficiency programs. I am asking our State Manager of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to work with you and answer any questions you might have. Such coordination can benefit the public.

I further request that you inform me of your actions.

' Sincerely

John Hoever

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