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WESTERN REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, western states are experiencing the effects of a hotter, drier climate, including prolonged droughts, excessive heat waves, reduced snow packs, increased snowmelts, decreased spring runoffs, altered precipitation patterns, more severe forest and rangeland fires, widespread forest diseases, and other serious impacts; and

WHEREAS, scientific consensus has developed that increasing emissions of human-caused greenhouse gases (GHGs), including carbon dioxide, methane and other GHGs, that are released into the atmosphere are affecting the Earth's climate; and

WHEREAS, the Western Governors Association (WGA) has declared that climate change could have severe economic and environmental impacts on the Western States in coming decades; and

WHEREAS, the WGA also has declared that action is needed to reduce GHG emissions and that many of these actions can have significant economic and environmental benefits for the Western States, including increased energy efficiency, increased renewable energy generation, improved air quality, cost savings, job growth, increased state revenues, and reduced water pollution; and

WHEREAS, we support the development of national, regional, tribal, state and local programs to reduce GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, we support national, regional, tribal, state and local level policies on global climate change that are consistent with efforts to develop cost-effective alternative energy sources and more efficient use of energy; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need for collaboration among states to develop climate change policies that provide consistent approaches to recognize and give credit for actions to reduce GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, we have already adopted or committed to adopt clean tailpipe standards for passenger vehicles that will result in major reductions in GHG emissions and other pollutants; and

WHEREAS, we support market-based policies to reduce GHG emissions in the most cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, we have set goals to significantly reduce GHG emissions from our respective states; and

WHEREAS, we welcome expanding the partners to this initiative to other states, tribes, Canadian provinces and Mexican states and offer monitoring status to any state, tribe or province interested in observing the initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Governors, jointly establish the Western Regional Climate Action Initiative and agree to collaborate in identifying, evaluating and implementing ways to reduce GHG emissions in our states collectively and to achieve related co-benefits. This collaboration shall include, but is not limited to:

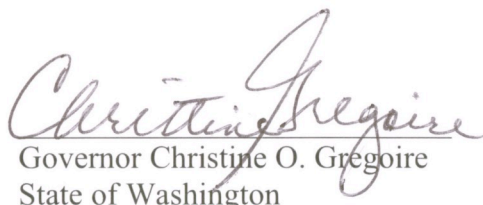
- Setting an overall regional goal, within six months of the effective date of this initiative, to reduce emissions from our states collectively, consistent with state-by-state goals;
- Developing, within eighteen months of the effective date of this agreement, a design for a regional market-based multi-sector mechanism, such as a load-based cap and trade program, to achieve the regional GHG reduction goal; and
- Participating in a multi-state GHG registry to enable tracking, management, and crediting for entities that reduce GHG emissions, consistent with state GHG reporting mechanisms and requirements.

In addition, we commit to continue our independent and collaborative efforts to reduce GHG emissions through:

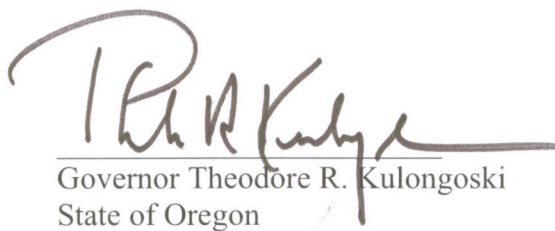
- Promoting the development and use of clean and renewable energy within the region;
- Increasing the efficiency of energy use within our jurisdictions;
- Advocating regional and national climate policies that reflect the needs and interests of western states, tribes and provinces; and
- Identifying measures in our states, tribes and provinces to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

We will direct our staffs and the appropriate state agencies to meet as soon as is practicable to develop a work plan to move forward with this initiative.

DONE, in five (5) duplicate originals, this 26th day of February, 2007, in Washington, D.C.



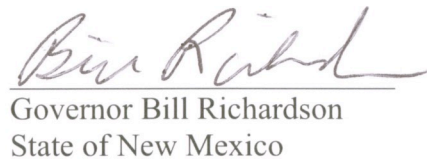
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State of Washington



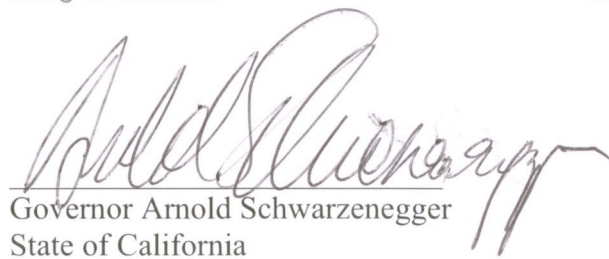
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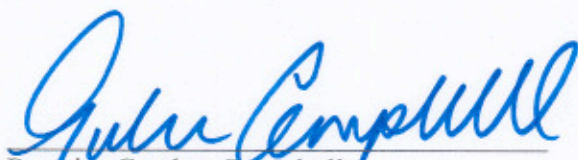
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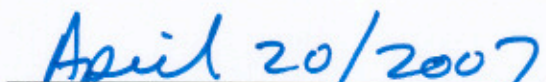


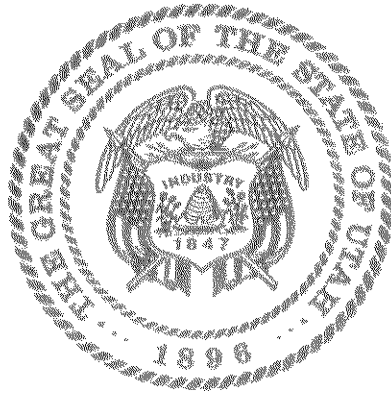
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State of California

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On February 26, 2007 by the
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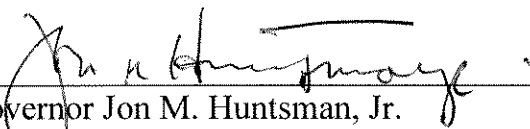

Premier Gordon Campbell
Province of British Columbia


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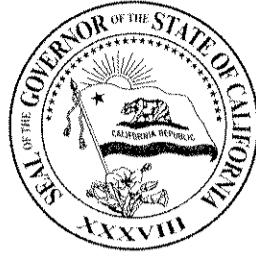
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Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
Governor of the State of Utah



Date



Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
AND
THE STATE OF UTAH**

WHEREAS, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Utah Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. are committed to working together with all member Governors on the Western Regional Climate Action Initiative;

WHEREAS, Utahns and Californians share many common values and communities, including families who call both states home;

WHEREAS, California and Utah have been committed partners in approaching many Western issues;

WHEREAS, Utah and California share the fortune of prosperous economies and the duty of environmental responsibility;

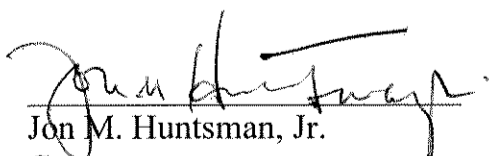
WHEREAS, California and Utah are interdependent with regard to energy transmission;

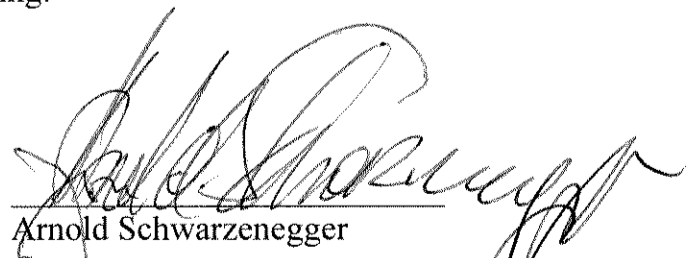
WHEREAS, Utah and California have a long-standing relationship based on energy production and consumption;

WHEREAS, California and Utah are committed to continue to work together on efforts in energy efficiency, conservation and renewable resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, Utah Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger enter into this memorandum of agreement on this, the 21st day of May, 2007, that we will continue our efforts to reduce our states' impact on the environment, thereby improving air quality, energy efficiency and economic stability for the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our staffs will work together to collaborate on the efforts enumerated in this memorandum of understanding.


Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
Governor
State of Utah


Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor
State of California