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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 Guam'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 the Consolidated Commission on Utilities, Guam's public utility commission, and requested that they consider additional actions to promote energy efficiency, consistent with the Federal statutory language contained in H.R. 1 as well as their obligations to maintain just and reasonable rates, while protecting the public. I have also written to the Guam Legislature and requested that our senators consider actions to update building energy codes, consistent with Guam law, and to consider the statutory language contained in ARRA.

For all practical purposes, Guam is wholly dependent on imported fossil fuels. While we are taking tentative steps to explore the use of wind, solar and other renewable sources of energy, the capital needed to undertake such projects has slowed our progress. The ARRA funding will allow us to leverage existing funds and advance our efforts to promote energy efficiency and new technologies. We will be prioritizing our energy investments to take advantage of existing programs and expand them where appropriate.

Guam is committed to improving its energy efficiency and taking steps to use renewable energy sources. To that end, we will work on updates to our energy policy; I assure you that, within the limits of my authority, we will continue to move forward in these critical areas.

We look forward to immediate distribution of the Federal SEP funds to permit my State to make progress in energy efficiency and renewable energy. Should you or your staff need further information, please do not hesitate to contact our energy coordinator, Ms. Lorilee Crisostomo, Administrator of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, at (671) 475-1658 or email Lorilee.Crisostomo@guamepa.net.

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