

STATE OF ARKANSAS  
MIKE BEEBE  
GOVERNOR

March 23, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20585

Re: State Energy Program Assurances

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As a condition of receiving Arkansas'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 certain assurances found below. I have written to the Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission and requested that the commissioners consider additional actions to promote energy efficiency consistent with the federal statutory language contained in H.R. 1 and with their obligations to maintain just and reasonable rates, while protecting the public. I have also written to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Arkansas General Assembly and requested that legislators consider actions that will improve new-building energy codes consistent with Arkansas law and Arkansas constitutional requirements, and to consider the statutory language contained in ARRA.

We are prioritizing our energy investments to take advantage of existing programs and to expand programs where appropriate. Our State is committed to meaningful 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 my State to make progress in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

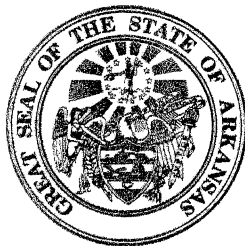
Sincerely,

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Mike Beebe

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cc: Gil Sperling, Director, Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs  
U.S. Department of Energy  
David Terry, Executive Director, National Association of State Energy Officials  
Maria Haley, Director Arkansas Economic Development Commission  
Bev Lindsay, Stimulus Coordinator, AEDC  
Chris Benson, Director Arkansas Energy Office, AEDC



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Paul Suskie, Chairman  
Arkansas Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 400  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: State Energy Program Funding

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Please find attached the relevant section of the recently passed American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009 (H.R. 1)(ARRA). The section contains a requirement that, as Governor, I make certain assurances regarding energy-efficiency programs as a condition of receiving Arkansas's 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 appointed 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 have asked the Director of the Arkansas Energy Office within AEDC to work with you in any way that is appropriate and constructive to accomplish this purpose. Such coordinated efforts can greatly benefit the public.

Please keep me informed me of your actions. I look forward to hearing from you.

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The Honorable Robbie Wills  
Speaker of the House  
The Arkansas House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: State Energy Program

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Please find attached the relevant provisions of the recently passed American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009 (H.R. 1)(ARRA). As a condition of receiving Arkansas's share of the \$3.1 billion in State Energy Program (SEP) funds, Arkansas must demonstrate that we are taking certain actions to begin upgrading the Arkansas Energy Code and developing a plan for compliance. I encourage you to take appropriate steps consistent with this federal statute. I have also requested the Director of the Arkansas Energy Office within AEDC to work with my Office and the appropriate legislative committee(s) to draft suitable legislative language to accomplish this purpose and to communicate with local code officials to develop implementation plans.

As a State, we are committed to a robust energy-efficiency program. This is especially important for buildings that will be part of our housing stock for decades to come. I greatly appreciate your cooperation in this important matter and in everything you do for our State.

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