

April 20, 2007

Governor Ruth Ann Minner
Tatnall Building
William Penn Street, 2nd Fl.
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Governor:


As professionals in the energy field, we have seen the value and benefits of progressive energy policies firsthand. Delaware has ample renewable resources to flourish in the marketplace. Like New Jersey, however, expansion of Delaware's renewable energy market depends upon intelligent, market-based statewide energy policies that establish broad and aggressive development goals. Our group strongly supports the mission of the Sustainable Energy Utility and hopes that the SEU will be created as quickly as possible to bring much needed services to Delaware's energy markets.

Delaware requires sustainable energy policies to serve its near- and long-term economic, social, and environmental interests. These policies must mitigate the inescapable negative features of our current energy system: its tendency toward price volatility; the lack of locally provided, competitive energy services; the high environmental costs of its current operations; and the present inability of citizens and small businesses to affect their energy costs.

We strongly support the creation of the Sustainable Energy Utility and its accompanying legislation – improved net-metering standards, robust Green Energy Funding, and increased Renewable Portfolio Standards. The SEU goal of reducing Delaware's energy use by 30% before the year 2015 is both ambitious and achievable. Energy efficiency will save our businesses and households money, will strengthen our local economy, and will create scores of new jobs. In addition, supporting the installation of 300 MW of customer-sited renewable energy by 2019 will jumpstart Delaware's renewable energy market and make the State a leader in clean energy. The SEU will help provide Delawareans with access to a wide variety of renewable energy options. Enacting the Sustainable Energy Utility will facilitate consumer choice, will save all Delawareans money, and help move Delaware to the forefront of energy policy nationwide.

Thank you for considering our comments on the important issue of energy policy.

Sincerely,



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