

April 23, 2007

Governor Ruth Ann Minner
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Dear Governor Minner,

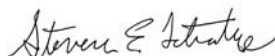
In my role as Director of Research at the Prometheus Institute, I have been tracking nationwide trends in energy policy as part of our reporting through the monthly newsletter *PVNews*—the oldest newsletter serving the solar energy industry. Many policymakers across the nation, and across the globe, now firmly understand the imperative to transition to a clean energy economy. I am certain that the proposed Sustainable Energy Utility for Delaware represents one of the most exciting and forward-thinking approaches to promoting a clean energy economy. If adopted, Delaware would emerge as a national leader on these critical issues.

Unfortunately, most states adopt a policy framework that addresses disparate parts of the energy-environment-economy dilemma, and thus often fail to adopt holistic solutions that leverage the complementary nature of investments in energy efficiency and renewable forms of energy. The Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU), with its emphasis on finding comprehensive clean energy solutions to the many ways we use energy in our everyday lives, is a welcome departure from the traditional approach to state-level energy policy.

I am also encouraged by the SEU Task Force's recommendation to upgrade the Delaware Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to align with best practices. The RPS in the US now serves as the primary vehicle to stimulate investments in renewable forms of energy. As other states have done, requiring a specific carve out for solar photovoltaics (PV) assures a balanced portfolio of clean energy technologies. Delaware is well positioned to prosper from a solar carve out with one of the premier national research centers on solar technology with the Institute of Energy Conversion and a major solar manufacturer in GE Energy, LLC. The more aggressive goal of 20 percent renewables by 2019 is also welcome and consistent with established targets in a number of states across the country including New Jersey, among others.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with you on these critical issues. I am hopeful that the interests involved will see the exciting opportunity that the SEU represents and support its ultimate passage and place Delaware in the forefront of ushering in a new, clean energy economy.

Best regards,



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