



April 24, 2007

Senator Harris B McDowell III  
P.O. Box 1401  
Dover, DE 19903

Dear Senator McDowell:

The Solar Energy Industries Association, representing over 450 companies and 20,000 people employed in the US solar industry, strongly supports the creation of the Sustainable Energy Utility in Delaware. Delaware has ample solar resources to flourish in the marketplace – much like its neighboring state of New Jersey, which has committed to obtain at least 2% of its electricity from solar by 2021. However, as in New Jersey, expansion of Delaware's solar 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.

Policies that encourage solar energy translate into well-paying jobs, with in-state manufacturers such as Dupont and General Electric, as well as jobs in installation, service, and sales. Solar energy is also the environmentally responsible choice for Delaware, producing no greenhouse gases, no acid precipitation, and no water pollution.

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, including solar for their homes and businesses. Enacting the Sustainable Energy Utility will facilitate consumer choice, 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. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our offices at (202) 682-0556. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhone Resch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rhone" being more prominent than the last name "Resch".

Rhone Resch  
President  
Solar Energy Industries Association