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Mr. Michael A. Albert, Chairman  
West Virginia Public Service Commission  
201 Brooks Street  
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

RE: State Energy Program Funding

Dear Chairman Albert:

I am attaching the relevant section of the recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R. 1)(ARRA), which contains a requirement that Governors make certain assurances regarding energy efficiency programs as a condition of the State receiving our 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 Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) requirements, to implement appropriate incentives for energy efficiency programs. I am asking the Director of the West Virginia Division of Energy to work with you and answer any questions you might have. Such coordination can benefit the public.

I further request that you inform me of your actions.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe Manchin III".

Joe Manchin III  
Governor

JM/mb

cc: Jeff Herholdt, Director  
West Virginia Division of Energy