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December 30, 2010

The Honorable Phil Rockefeller
Chair, Committee on Environment, Energy & Water
Washington State Senate
Post Office Box 40600
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The Honorable John McCoy
Chair, Committee on Technology, Energy, and Communications
Washington State House of Representatives
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Re: UTC Report and Policy Statement Concerning Renewable Energy Resources

Dear Chairman Rockefeller and Chairman McCoy:

The Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has completed its review of options to encourage investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to meet their renewable energy targets under the Energy Independence Act (EIA). I had informed you of our inquiry in my letter of March 31, 2010. The result is a report and policy statement expressing our consensus on options to address utility barriers and disincentives to developing renewable resources, including how the Commission will treat utility acquisition of these resources to comply with the EIA's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) deadlines. It also articulates the Commission's receptivity to a utility proposal for pre-approval of renewable resource acquisitions under certain circumstances. I am enclosing a copy of that report and policy statement.

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I will contact your office to arrange a time to brief you further on our conservation incentives report. In the mean time, please contact me at (360) 664-1173 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Goltz
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Dave Danner, Executive Director, UTC
Ann Rendahl, Director of Legislation and Policy (UTC)
William Bridges, Counsel to Senate Environment, Water & Energy Committee
Scott Richards, Research Analyst, House Technology, Energy and Communications Committee