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Dr. Howard Gruenspecht
Acting Administrator and Deputy Administrator
Energy Information Administration
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Dr. Gruenspecht:

Upon further consideration of the design parameters for a Clean Energy Standard (CES), I would like to modify my original request for modeling dated August 16, 2011 as follows:

Please use the following set of overall targets for clean energy:

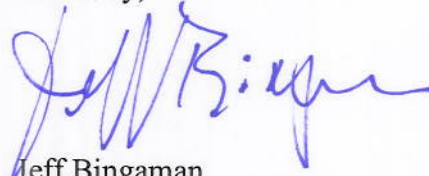
<u>Year of compliance</u>	<u>Overall Clean Energy Target</u>
2015	45%
2020	50%
2025	60%
2030	70%
2035	80%
2040	85%
2045	90%
2050	95%

The overall clean energy targets should be increased linearly between each interim target, and held constant after 2050.

The overall clean energy target for each of the modeling scenarios I have requested should equal the percentage of the total retail sales generated by clean energy as calculated using the methodology included in the original request. In each scenario the total clean energy required to be generated based on covered sales, plus any non-targeted clean energy (existing nuclear and hydro generation, if applicable), should be equal to the share of all electricity sales indicated in the table above. The sole exception is in model scenario #4, in which utilities with annual sales of less than 4,000,000 MWh are exempt from having a compliance obligation. For scenario #4, the overall clean energy targets should be applied only to the total retail sales from utilities with annual retail sales greater than 4,000,000 MWh.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I ask that my staff be briefed prior to the release of information. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact Kevin Rennert with the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources at (202) 224-7826.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Bingaman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and last name "Bingaman" clearly distinguishable.

Jeff Bingaman
Chairman