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**OFFICE OF ENERGY
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Re: SB 99 Pre-Rulemaking Process

Dear Meredith:

We write to express our continued support for the broad stakeholder process that will shortly be coming to a conclusion. We encourage a robust, dynamic dialogue among a diverse group of interests, as a way of ensuring that differing views are considered.

There is one concern that we would like to share with you. In our briefings on this matter, it is clear that the majority of commentators have little experience in the design, permitting, siting and construction and operation of energy facilities. While we appreciate that all individuals may have meaningful comments and information, we believe that the process would benefit by including information from individuals who have such relevant experience. Therefore, we request that you also include the comments and positions of those who are actually experienced in the development of energy facilities as you balance the diverse viewpoints in preparing your report. We expect that the final deliverable will incorporate a wide range of comments and positions, yet we caution against reliance upon opinion given the critical importance of energy policy to the state.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the process and the dedication you and your staff have demonstrated to the process. We look forward to continued participation as we conclude the informal preliminary dialogue and proceed with the formal SB 99 administrative rules process.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Quinlan, President and COO
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