



June 17, 2009

Chairman Jeff Bingaman  
Senate Energy and  
Natural Resources Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski  
Senate Energy and  
Natural Resources Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Bingaman and Ranking Member Murkowski:

I am writing on behalf of the American Public Power Association (APPA) to express our support for the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009.

APPA is the national service organization representing the interests of over 2,000 municipal and other state and locally-owned electric utilities throughout the United States (in every state except Hawaii). Collectively, public power utilities deliver electricity to one out of every seven electricity consumers (approximately 45 million people), serving some of the nation's largest cities. However, the vast majority of APPA's members serve communities with populations of 10,000 or less.

Recognizing the difficulty of comprising comprehensive energy legislation, APPA appreciates the hard work and dedication by Members of the Committee over the last several months and the significant progress and improvements that have been made to the bill. Specifically, APPA is pleased with the federal renewable electricity standard (RES) as APPA's membership has endorsed a federal RES of no more than 15% by 2020 with an applicability threshold of 4 million MWH of retail sales annually that allows for the deployment of energy efficiency measures to aid in meeting this standard. In addition, the provisions establishing a clean energy deployment administration, advancing carbon capture and storage technologies, developing additional renewable energy, enhancing energy efficiency, furthering green jobs training and energy workforce development, and fostering the transmission system are all significant steps forward in improving our nation's energy policies while protecting the interests of consumers.

As there is always room for improvement, APPA still has concerns with certain provisions of the legislation including language on: cyber-security; mandatory interconnection standards; and peak demand reduction. Moreover, APPA is still reviewing the amended bill reported out of the Committee and may have remaining issues to bring to your attention. While we appreciate that the Energy and Natural Resources Committee does not have jurisdiction over tax or appropriations measures, we nonetheless would urge the Committee and its members to seek a comparable incentive for public power through both the tax writing and appropriations processes (in the form of significant Clean Renewable Energy Bond authority and/or significant additional funding for the Renewable Energy Production Incentive) so that, in complying with the RES, public power utilities and their customers are not disadvantaged compared to private sector

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companies. We look forward to working with you and your staff on these items as the bill progresses to the Senate floor.

APPA supports federal legislation to address greenhouse gas emissions and has worked with our membership to create Climate Change Policy Principles that should be captured in any legislative product developed by Congress. However, we strongly believe that climate change legislation should be considered independently of the energy bill reported out by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Attempting to address both climate change and comprehensive energy policy issues in one legislative vehicle would simply not be an effective way to achieve either legislative goal and may potentially jeopardize or delay the passage of this important comprehensive energy bill.

Thank you again for your time and effort in crafting this legislation and for your consideration of our views. As always, we look forward to working with you and the entire Senate as the American Clean Energy Leadership Act moves towards the Senate floor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Crisson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent than the last name "Crisson".

Mark Crisson  
President and CEO

cc: Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Iberdrola Renewables

June 18, 2009

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman  
Chairman  
Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
United States Senate  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bingaman:

On behalf of Iberdrola Renewables, I want to commend and thank you for guiding the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009 through the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. More specifically, we are grateful for your leadership on the renewable electricity standard (RES) and electric transmission provisions contained in the bill.

An RES is the single most important Federal public policy initiative necessary to promote growth in the U.S. renewable electricity industry. By establishing a national floor for the acquisition of electricity generated with renewable resources, project developers will have the confidence needed to invest in new renewable electricity facilities. The increased demand will also substantially increase the willingness of manufacturers of wind turbines, solar panels and other renewable generation equipments to site factories and other facilities in the U.S. -- creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

Although Iberdrola Renewables is disappointed that the RES was weakened during the markup process, we recognize that the Committee makeup required that compromises be made in order to ensure that an RES was included in the bill reported to the Senate floor. It is quite possible that, without your tireless efforts and those of your staff, the RES provision would have been deleted entirely. We hope to work with you to strengthen the RES language as the legislation proceeds to the Senate floor.

We are also very appreciative of your hard work on the provisions in the legislation aimed at promoting increased investments in electric transmission capacity. Many of the nation's renewable resources can't be accessed without significant transmission additions. The current state-federal regulatory framework does not always work well to encourage needed investments in transmission. The American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009 would help address this problem.

Thank you again for your good work and leadership on this important bill. Please let us know if we can be helpful.

Sincerely,

/s/ Don Furman

Don Furman  
Senior Vice President



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June 22, 2009

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman  
703 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

*Mr. Chairman*  
Dear Senator Bingaman:

I write on behalf of the American Wind Energy Association to thank you for your leadership on the American Clean Energy Leadership Act. The wind industry is grateful for the inclusion of a national renewable electricity standard (RES), our top policy priority, in this bill.

Like you, we believe that a strong national energy policy is essential to our national and economic security. We also believe that a strong national RES is an essential component of that policy. A strong national RES will give businesses the certainty they need to invest in renewable energy industry manufacturing facilities and employ hundreds of thousands of Americans in high-quality jobs. A strong RES is also the only policy that will drive near-term deployment of renewables and, in turn, enable immediate reductions in carbon dioxide emissions.

The U.S. Congress now has a historic opportunity to put in place a policy that would foster a brand new manufacturing industry in this country – one that would create new American jobs, and produce manufactured goods that would work to immediately reduce global warming. Thank you for recognizing this opportunity. We appreciate your efforts to include the RES in the bill and hope to work with you to strengthen the RES as the bill moves forward. Thank you.

Warm regards,

Denise Bode  
CEO  
American Wind Energy Association

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**U.S. Chamber's Energy Institute: Senate Energy Bill  
Represents Real Progress**

*Legislation Contains Several Key Institute Policy Recommendations*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Karen Harbert, president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber's Institute for 21st Century Energy, today issued the following statement following the completion of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee's work on an energy bill:

“The bill reported out of the energy committee today represents real progress toward a comprehensive energy policy. It offers the chance to increase our energy security, create American jobs, and continue to improve the environment. Chairman Bingaman and Ranking Member Murkowski should be commended for their efforts to find consensus on several critical issues that deserve action by Congress.

“Since the election, the Institute has worked with committee members and staff to enact several very significant policy recommendations from our [Blueprint for Securing America's Energy Future](#). Specifically, the inclusion of a clean energy bank—such as the Clean Energy Deployment Administration included in the bill—will encourage substantial investments in nuclear and renewable energy technologies.

“The legislation also includes an Institute recommendation to clarify Section 526 of the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act to ensure that oil sands from Canada can continue to be imported, an issue of particular importance to our energy security and to our largest energy trading partner.

“We also appreciate the committee's approval of steps to aggressively promote energy efficiency; its specific endorsement of recycling as a potential solution to our nuclear waste challenge, as well as provisions that will open additional off-shore areas for oil and gas exploration that are currently off-limits.

“This is not a perfect bill. It does not include oil and gas revenue sharing for states, and it contains a renewable electricity mandate that excludes some renewable resources like nuclear and doesn't recognize significant regional differences across our country—but overall this legislation is a positive step. We look forward to working with the full Senate on these and other important issues in the coming months.”

The mission of the U.S. Chamber's Institute for 21st Century Energy is to unify policymakers, regulators, business leaders, and the American public behind a common sense energy strategy to help keep America secure, prosperous, and clean. Through policy development, education, and advocacy, the Institute is building support for meaningful action at the local, state, national, and international levels.

The U.S. Chamber is the world's largest business federation representing more than 3 million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

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## **Alliance Praises Bipartisan Senate Energy Bill**

Jun 17, 2009

*Alliance to Save Energy*

Alliance Praises Bipartisan Senate Energy Bill for Strengthening

Building Energy Codes, Increasing Industrial Energy Efficiency

Washington, D.C., June 17, 2009 – The Alliance to Save Energy today commended the bipartisan leaders of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee for reporting out a comprehensive energy bill that includes strengthened building energy codes that would save \$9.3 billion in residential and commercial properties' energy costs by 2020 (based on 2006 energy prices), among other important energy efficiency provisions.

Alliance President Kateri Callahan praised the committee leaders for reaching across party lines to forge a bipartisan consensus on many key elements of the bill and called on the full Senate to provide bipartisanship support for these and other energy- and money-saving elements when it reaches the Senate floor.

“Energy efficiency has once again been an issue on which members of Congress can reach across party lines to address our nation’s energy problems,” Callahan said. “The bipartisan cooperation demonstrated in crafting this bill is a model for other energy and climate initiatives,” she added.

“The Alliance strongly supports the Senate energy bill’s stricter energy-savings targets for national model residential and commercial building codes – 30 percent in 2010 and 50 percent after 2016 – as well as the significant increase in federal funding to help states with code compliance,” said Callahan. “The more stringent targets will deliver substantial energy and monetary savings in newly constructed commercial and residential buildings.

“Provisions relating to industrial energy efficiency would contribute to greater U.S. industrial competitiveness by enlarging the successful U.S. Department of Energy’s Industrial Assessment Centers and utilizing innovative financing mechanisms and public-private partnerships to encourage both enhanced research and development and increased implementation of energy-efficient manufacturing technologies,” she continued.

“The Alliance congratulates Chairman Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) and Ranking Minority Member Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) for their determination to find common ground on many of the elements of this bill,” Callahan added. “We urge the Senate to carry on in that bipartisan spirit

when the bill reaches the floor.”

The Alliance also supports the bill’s provisions for building retrofit programs that would improve energy efficiency and create model energy performance labels for commercial and residential buildings; new standards and improvements in DOE’s standard-setting process; and financing mechanisms like the Clean Energy Deployment Administration, which will help to commercialize new energy technologies.



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Chief Executive Officer

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Chairman  
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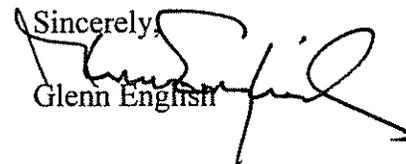
Dear Chairman Bingaman,

We are writing today to voice our support for the bipartisan energy bill passed by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

NRECA represents over 900 private consumer owned electric cooperatives that serve more than 42 million electric consumers. Because people are moving to electric cooperative territory, our demand for power has grown and continues to expand at twice the national average for utilities. This growth is in spite of investments in efficiency programs and cooperatives leading the industry sector in demand control and smart meter implementation. As well, electric cooperatives are leaders in providing renewable electricity to consumers and are increasing our capacity to generate electricity from renewable resources.

We support passage of this legislation. It takes a balanced approach to a range of policies needed to deliver increased renewable electricity supplies while maintaining cooperative consumers' access to affordable, reliable power. We look forward to working with you as the bill goes to the floor to further strengthen its provisions.

We applaud the strong leadership displayed by you and Ranking Member Murkowski in taking a balanced, bipartisan approach to the bill. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact NRECA Government Relations at 703-907-5839.

Sincerely,  
  
Glenn English

cc: The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Ranking Member

August 3, 2009

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman  
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
709 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Bingaman and Senator Murkowski:

The National Construction Alliance II (NCA II) is pleased to endorse S. 1462, the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009. The NCA II – a partnership between two of the nation's leading construction unions, the International Union of Operating Engineers and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters – applauds your bi-partisan leadership on this critical energy, economic, and national security issue.

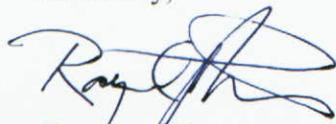
The American Clean Energy Leadership Act (ACELA) offers the opportunity to drive billions of dollars of construction investments in the nation's energy future, resulting in thousands of jobs for members of the Carpenters and Operating Engineers, as well as other construction crafts. The legislation possesses several key elements for the members of NCA II:

- Encourages energy efficiency and clean energy generation
- Advances carbon capture and storage to solidify coal's future in the American energy portfolio
- Opens new areas for oil and gas exploration
- Increases the incentives for the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline
- Creates a new fund and governance structure for clean energy investments
- Enhances the nation's electricity transmission grid and improves the siting process for major transmission lines

NCA II appreciates the Energy and Natural Resources Committee's support of Davis-Bacon prevailing wages in the legislation. In particular, the prevailing-wage provisions relating to the loan guarantee program and the Clean Energy Deployment Administration ensure that family-sustaining jobs are created by this federal construction assistance. We will continue to work with you and the Committee to ensure that Davis-Bacon prevailing wages are applicable on the federally-assisted construction in S. 1462.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your leadership to advance our shared goals on this critical matter.

Sincerely,



Raymond Poupore  
Executive Vice President



UNITED BROTHERHOOD  
of CARPENTERS & JOINERS  
of AMERICA

Douglas J. McCarron  
General President



INTERNATIONAL UNION  
of OPERATING ENGINEERS

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June 19, 2009

The Honorable Senator Jeff Bingaman  
Chairman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
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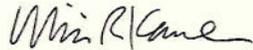
Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of WIRES, the only national organization dedicated solely to the promotion of investment in our critical electric transmission system, we wish to thank you and your committee for action on comprehensive energy legislation. As wide-ranging as is the bill you are sending to the floor, the component that is key to achieving accelerated development of clean energy and our energy independence is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grid. You have made a major contribution to revitalizing the transmission network.

The President has responded to the crisis in the financial sector by calling for basic reforms -- a "new foundation" for our economy. A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grid is such a foundation. However, in this instance we have the opportunity to plan to expand and upgrade the grid before critical problems with congestion, illiquid markets, increased power demand, aging infrastructure, and declining reliability do damage to our economy. This legislation is about accessing renewable energy but it is also about much more.

We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to ensure that this bill is strengthened in ways that improve the environment, the economy, and the transmission sector. We look forward to rationalizing the transmission planning process, finding progressive cost allocation solutions, and aligning regulatory responsibility with the integrated nature and interstate operation of the system. Perhaps most of all, we look forward to a sustainable set of reforms that can help the transmission industry adapt to changing conditions without being subject to recurrent bouts of legislation.

WIRES applauds the Committee's groundbreaking work in promoting transmission investment. We offer our assistance in any way that you deem useful.



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Will Kaul  
President of WIRES  
CAPX 2020 and Great River Energy

Cc: Senator Lisa Murkowski, Ranking Member  
Members of the Energy & Natural Resources Committee, U.S. Senate  
Henry Waxman, Chair, Energy & Commerce Committee, U.S. House  
of Representatives  
Members, Energy & Commerce Committee  
Carol Browner, Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change

*WIRES (Working group for Investment in **R**eliable and **E**conomic electric **S**ystems) is a non-profit business and educational association of investor-owned, publicly-owned, and cooperative transmission providers, customers, and technology and service companies formed to promote investment in electric transmission and progressive State and Federal policies that advance energy markets, economic efficiency, and consumer and environmental benefits through development of electric power infrastructure. For more information, visit [www.wiresgroup.com](http://www.wiresgroup.com)*