



June 23, 2014

Maurice Jones  
Secretary of Commerce and Trade  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Secretary Jones:

On behalf of the Virginia Energy Efficiency Council (VAEEC), thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the development of the 2014 Virginia Energy Plan. As a broad coalition working to advance energy efficiency in the Commonwealth, with membership that includes businesses of all sizes, utilities, nonprofits, universities and local governments, we believe that the VAEEC is uniquely positioned to provide an inclusive and constructive perspective.

We greatly appreciate the role that the VAEEC has been provided at the listening sessions and we have valued the opportunity to present at each meeting across the state. In order to submit comments officially, we are pleased to offer this letter and present the following recommendations:

1. ENERGY PLAN FORMAT - Recognize energy efficiency as a separate chapter in the Energy Plan, given the significance of energy efficiency as one of the most cost-effective resources for meeting Virginia's energy needs;
2. ENERGYSTAR - Expand support for Home Performance with EnergyStar to grow the residential market;
3. PACE FINANCING - Enable creation of a statewide commercial PACE program;
4. GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS - Expand performance contracting in government buildings;
5. BUILDING CODES - Adopt the 2012 IECC building codes – or the most current version -- without revision;
6. STAKEHOLDER SESSION - Convene a session to explore how to expand efficiency programs to help Virginia meet its efficiency/conservation goal of reducing consumption by 10%;
7. ENERGY BONDS - Issue the state's allocation of Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds in order to create a "green loan fund."

Please let me know if we can provide any background or additional details. We look forward to working with you and the Administration as we move forward on planning the future of Virginia's energy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Rosenfeld".

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