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April 29, 2003

Senator Randolph Townsend
Chairman
Senate Commerce and Labor Committee
Nevada State Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Chairman Townsend:

On April 29, 2003, the Nevada Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Task Force heard testimony from Mr. Charles Long representing the Carson City Alternative Energy Project, in reference to a proposal he intends to present in your Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Friday, May 2, 2003.

The proposal presented to the Task Force made specific recommendations regarding legislation and/or regulatory advancements needed to further distributed generation (DG) in Nevada, and specifically for their project in Carson City. While the Task Force did not take a position on the proposal as a whole, it did pass a motion in favor of legislative support for distributed generation and legislation which directs the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to promote regulation favoring distributed generation. The motion also specifically supports the following elements from the presentation that are consistent with the Task Force's January 2003 Legislative Report:

The Task Force voted that the Public Utility Commission take action to:

Streamline permitting process to encourage development of the DG resource. For smaller projects, less than 1mw, encourage interconnection processing to be complete in less than 60 days. For larger projects, greater than 1mw, interconnection process should be completed in less than 120 days.

Require utility to assess the promotion of DG in resource planning requirements based on programs to enhance the reliability of DG facilities in meeting electricity demands.

Encourage non-utility entities to develop distributed generation facilities as qualifying facilities or renewable energy projects as a way of reducing the utilities reliance on out-of-state sources of electricity to meet the needs of consumers in the state.

Further, the Task Force voted that Distributed Generation means the generation of electricity by non-utility entities for both their own needs and to sell power back to the utility using either Qualified Facilities or Renewable Energy.

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Thank you very much for your past and continued support of the Task Force and for the opportunity to provide these recommendations. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 528-3699.

Sincerely,

Rose McKinney-James
Chair

cc: Senate Commerce and Labor Committee