



The Large Public Power Council

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The Honorable John Dingell
Chairman of the House Energy and
Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Boucher
Chairman of the Subcommittee on
Energy and Air Quality

Dear Chairman Dingell and Chairman Boucher:

The Large Public Power Council (LPPC) represents 24 of the largest public power systems in the United States, providing electric power to 40 million consumers in 11 states and Puerto Rico. LPPC is pleased to express its support for Title I (energy efficiency) of the energy bill the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality is now considering. We believe these energy efficiency provisions can make an important contribution to meeting the nation's energy challenges.

LPPC's members are nationally recognized leaders in energy efficiency programs. LPPC believes increased use of this resource is an important element in the development of US energy and climate change policies. LPPC member utilities have long advocated improvements in energy efficiency through increased levels of commercial and residential building efficiency and increased R&D spending in the areas of energy efficiency products and transportation.

The energy efficiency title contains many elements that will reduce costs for American business as well as the residential sector and will reduce the nation's need for fossil fuels. LPPC strongly supports the mandatory targets for lighting efficiency, provisions to encourage stronger building codes, the goals for zero-net-energy commercial buildings, the provisions on Federal high-performance green buildings, improvements in appliance efficiency, the provisions for Federal financial assistance to combined heat and power and district energy systems, and the improvements in the Energy Savings Performance Contracting program.

Passage of this legislation will reduce the need for new power plants and benefit ratepayers nationwide. Thank you for your leadership on this legislation.

Very truly yours,

Bob Johnston / jpb
Vice-Chair

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