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The Honorable Jeff Bingaman  
Chairman  
United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
304 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Pete Domenici  
Ranking Member  
United States Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
304 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Bingaman and Domenici:

On behalf of the members of the Large Public Power Council (LPPC) I am writing to express our strong support for S. 1115, the Energy Efficiency Promotion Act of 2007, introduced on April 16, 2007. We believe that passage of this bipartisan legislation is a significant step in reducing greenhouse gases and in providing lower energy costs to the nation's consumers. Through your leadership and that of the other co-sponsors, this bipartisan effort can make an important contribution to meeting the Nation's energy challenges.

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. We strongly support improvements in codes and standards, improvements in efficiency of federal buildings, and the advancement of energy efficiency in higher education.

The Energy Efficiency Promotion Act of 2007 contains many well-crafted elements that will reduce energy costs for American businesses and residents, and will reduce our need for non-renewable resources such as oil, natural gas and coal. We strongly support Bright Lighting for Tomorrow Prizes; the promotion of technology-neutral standards to establish firm energy efficiency performance targets for lighting products; expediting new energy efficiency standards in specific water using devices; energy labeling for consumer electronics; improvements in vehicle and battery performance; initiatives promoting energy efficiency in higher education; energy efficiency improvements to federal buildings; and other elements to improve energy efficiency in homes and businesses.

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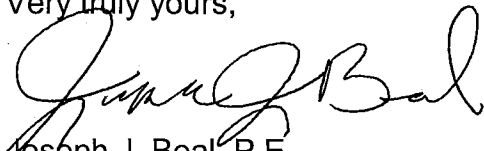
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As you may be aware, the LPPC's membership includes 24 of the nation's largest publicly owned, not-for-profit energy systems. Members are located in 11 states and provide power to some of the largest cities in the country including Los Angeles, Seattle, Omaha, Phoenix, Sacramento, San Antonio, Orlando and Austin.

This legislation is estimated to save 50 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity and 170 million therms of natural gas. Passage of the legislation will reduce the need for new power plants, improve the efficiency of our transportation systems, as well as train and educate the next generation of energy efficiency experts and decision makers. We think our ratepayers will benefit from its enactment. The LPPC believes that this legislation will advance the overall environmental performance of the nation – moving us toward a leadership position in the global market.

Thank you again for your leadership on this legislation.

Very truly yours,



Joseph J. Beal, P.E.  
LPPC Chair