



November 17, 2008

Ms. Heather Anderson, Esq.
State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee
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Re: Response to the Committee's Request for Comments on Energy & Energy Policy

Dear Ms. Anderson:

On November 25, 2008, the Sierra Club and 28 other environmental, conservation, and science groups released a highly-detailed roadmap, ***Transition to Green: Leading the way to a healthy environment, green economy, and sustainable future***, for the incoming administration of President-Elect Barack Obama. The document lays out a detailed vision for action across the federal government during the first 100 days and beyond, highlights the environmental community's top priorities, and offers an agency-by-agency set of policy prescriptions. The plan, which has been provided to President-Elect Obama's transition team, sets out bold measures that will channel America's ingenuity into solving the entwined economic, climate, and environmental crises.

Although no one can predict with certainty how many of the recommendations contained in the Transition to Green report will be embraced by the Obama-Biden Administration and Congress, we are confident that many will be. Such actions will profoundly shape and influence the State of South Carolina's energy policies and programs.

Attached for your information are two related documents:

1. A Sierra Club news release of Nov. 25, 2008 announcing the new report., and:
2. The Executive Summary of the ***Transition to Green*** report.

The full 391- page ***Transition to Green*** report can be accessed by going to:
<http://www.saveourevironment.org/assets/transition-to-green-full-report.pdf>

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and to later present oral testimony.

Sincerely,

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*The John Bachman Group has over 1,000 members residing in 14 counties: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Edgefield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, and Saluda.