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**RE: Ex Parte Memorandum**

Dear Mr. Cohen:

On Thursday, January 6, 2011, representatives from the Renewable Energy Markets Association (REMA) held a conference call with personnel from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to discuss REMA's formal comment submission on Docket ID: EERE- 2010-BT-STD-0031.

Ms. Margo Appel of the DOE's Office of the Building Technologies Program called the meeting to order at 11:02am. Ms. Appel introduced the representatives from the DOE, including Anne Crawley, Ami Grace-Tardy Ryan Meres, Cyrus Nasser, and John R. Kaufmann. Ms. Grace-Tardy then proceeded to inform the attendees of the required ex parte communication document and filing process, in addition to outlining the call's purpose and expectations.

Mr. Jay Carlis, REMA President, then introduced the participants from his association, including Ian McGowan, Sarah Litke, and Joseph Seymour. After introductions, Mr. Carlis briefly shared REMA's mission and history. Mr. McGowan transitioned to a point-by-point elaboration of REMA's submitted comments. These issues included identifying market growth from Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) purchases, the potential of double-counting with Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), significance and scope of the voluntary renewable energy markets, and supporting REC precedents from the DOE and other federal agencies. Mr. McGowan concluded the overview with the recommendation that the DOE could easily amend its renewable energy procurement process for new federal buildings to include RECs easily with minimal disruption.

Ms. Grace-Tardy inquired about the procurement timeline for RECs and other green power products during a building's construction process. Mr. McGowan offered that developers often base renewable energy decisions on the Energy & Atmosphere credit structure from the U.S. Green Building Council. Mr. Carlis added that developers vary in their approaches to RECs purchases, i.e. from initial design to post-construction considerations. With no further discussion, the call concluded at 11:18am.

Per an additional question after the call, REMA would like to request information on the release date of the final rule regarding Docket ID: EERE- 2010-BT-STD-0031.

Respectfully submitted,

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