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Dear Energy Independence Act stakeholder;

As most of you know, Energy Policy staff at the Department of Community Trade and Economic Development have reviewed and discussed the many comments made regarding the draft rules for implementing I-937 (Energy Independence Act). While none of the changes to the draft rules, in and of themselves, are substantive, the totality of the proposed changes and intensity with which many of view have expressed your opinions have led us to offer a revised CR-102 for further analysis and comment. We are also releasing a draft of our Concise Explanatory Statement (CES) which is usually available only upon request when the final rules are published. We are doing this as a courtesy to the many of you who wanted to know in advance the reasoning behind our decisions.

The formal comment period will run from the release of the revised draft rules by the Code Reviser's office on January 16, 2008 through February 8, 2008. Another public hearing will be held on February 5, 2008, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at 906 Columbia St. SW, Olympia WA, in conference room 1, floor 1.

We expect to issue the CR-103, the final rules by March 4, 2008.

While we cannot require you to do so, we would appreciate it if the next round of comments were focused on the revisions we have made to the original CR102 of October 3, 2007. We are most interested in technical corrections and edits to our changes, but if you truly believe you have something new to add to issues that we now consider settled, please feel free to send those comments as well. As to the CES, while it is not our absolutely last word, it is pretty close to that. We are mostly interested in any technical or editorial comments you may have plus alerting us to issues addressed in the earlier round of comments that we did not respond to in the CES.

As always, I am available to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

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