

January 22, 2010

The Honorable Mike Thompson  
United States Congress  
221 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: The STORAGE Act**

Dear Congressman Thompson:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing to express our strong support for the STORAGE Act. As America moves toward a new, clean energy economy, renewable energy tax incentives are critical to promoting the transition to this economy. The investment tax credit and Clean Renewable Energy Bonds provided by the STORAGE Act will address the overlooked issue of storing renewable energy and spur development of energy storage technologies.

Achieving significant carbon emission reductions requires, among other things, significant grid integration of large-scale renewable resources. Energy storage technologies are strategic tools to manage variability and assist with power system integration of renewable energy. Energy storage enables the integration of large amounts of variable and non-peak renewable resources, provides ancillary services, manages peak demand, and relieves transmission and distribution congestion. Storage systems consist of a broad range of technologies, from large-scale pumped hydro, compressed air energy storage (CAES) and thermal energy storage systems to distributed systems such as batteries and flywheels. Rapid deployment of these technologies offer significant potential to reduce the nation's dependence on conventional fossil plants, while lowering production costs and enhancing reliability of the electric grid.

The technologies produced by these industries play a vital role in reducing global warming pollution, creating new green collar American jobs, spurring economic growth and saving consumers and businesses money on their energy bills. The investment tax credit for energy storage facilities and equipment is necessary to create a market demand for energy storage technologies.

It is critical that Congress provide the correct investment and policy incentives to guarantee the deployment of clean energy resources. We urge you to do all that you can to get this legislation passed and we looking forward to working with you to build support for the STORAGE Act.

Sincerely,

Alliant Energy Corporation  
ALLETE/Minnesota Power  
Alstom Power Inc.  
Ameren Corporation  
American Electric Power  
American Hydro Corporation  
Avista  
Brookfield Renewable Power  
Business Council for Sustainable Energy  
CA Energy Storage Alliance

CALMAC Manufacturing Corporation  
CMS Energy  
Consumers Energy  
The Coalition to Advance Renewable Energy through Bulk Storage (CAREBS)  
Dominion  
Duke Energy  
Eagle Crest Energy  
Edison Electric Institute  
Electric Power Supply Association  
Electricity Storage Association  
Energy Future Holdings  
FirstEnergy Corporation  
Free Flow Power  
General Compression  
Grant PUD  
Hatch Acres Corporation  
HDR|DTA  
Hydro Performance Processes, Inc  
IEEE-USA  
National Grid  
MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company  
NATGUN Corporation  
National Hydrogen Association  
National Hydropower Association  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
NEMA Energy Storage Council  
Northwest Hydroelectric Association  
Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
Portland General Electric  
Power Tree Corporation  
Primus Power  
Progress Energy  
Public Service Enterprise Group  
ReVolt Technology  
Riverbank Power Corporation  
Sempra Energy  
Southpoint Energy  
The AES Corporation  
The National Hydrogen Association  
Trane  
Ultralife Corporation  
United Illuminating Company  
Voith Hydro, Inc.  
Xcel Energy