



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

March 4, 2009

Mr. Peter R. Orszag  
Director of the Office of Management and Budget  
725 175h Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Orszag:

Pursuant to Section 1607 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("the Act"), I am writing to certify that for funds provided to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the Act, Pennsylvania will request and use funds provided by the Act and that the funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth.

The financial support that will be made available through the Act is absolutely essential and invaluable to our efforts to restore economic stability to our nation and our states. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will cooperate fully to effectively implement the provisions of this new law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward G. Rendell".

Edward G. Rendell  
Governor

**CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 1201 OF**  
**THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT:**

Pursuant to Title XII, Section 1201 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub. L. 111-5 [February 17, 2009]) (ARRA), I, Edward G. Rendell, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby certify to the Secretary of Transportation that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will maintain its effort with regard to State funding for the types of projects in the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) "covered programs" funded under ARRA. The enclosed list of DOT "covered programs" identifies the amount of funds the Commonwealth plans to expend from State sources from February 17, 2009, to September 30, 2010, for the types of projects under the DOT "covered programs" funds under ARRA.

I understand that, if the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is unable to maintain the level of funding identified in this list of the types of projects under the DOT "covered programs" funded under ARRA, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will thereafter be prohibited by the Secretary of Transportation from receiving additional limitation on obligations for Federal aid highway and highways safety construction programs that occurs after August 1 for Fiscal Year 2011.



Edward G. Rendell, Governor

Signed this 17 day of March, 2009

**CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 1511 OF**  
**THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT:**

Pursuant to Title XV, Subtitle A, Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub. L. 111-5, Feb. 17, 2009) ("ARRA"), I, Governor Edward G. Rendell\*, hereby certify that the attached infrastructure investments funded with amounts appropriated by ARRA under the headings: "Highway Infrastructure Investment" to the Federal Highway Administration, or "Transit Capital Assistance," "Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment," or "Capital Investment Grants" to the Federal Transit Administration, have received the full review and vetting required by law and that I accept responsibility that such investments are appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars. I further certify that the specific information required by section 1511 concerning each such investment (a description of the investment, the estimated total cost, and the amount of ARRA funds to be used) is provided on the Pennsylvania Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and is available to the public at <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/Bureaus/CPDM.nsf/CPMDHomepage?OpenFrameset&frame=main&src=/Internet/Bureaus/CPDM.nsf/econRecovery?OpenForm>. This will also be linked to Recovery.gov.

I understand that my State or local agency may not receive ARRA infrastructure investment funding unless this certification is made and posted.



Edward G. Rendell, Governor

Signed this 17 day of March, 2009

\*In accordance with section 1511 of ARAA, the Certifying Official may be either the Governor, mayor, or other chief executive as appropriate.

Attachment (list of planned Highway and Bridge projects)



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March 23, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

Thank you for the meeting with Secretary Hanger and me last Thursday. I appreciate your feedback and hope you keep the five projects we discussed in mind as competitive funding proposals are considered. These projects are cornerstones to Pennsylvania's energy future and economic development and maintain a compelling public interest.

The relief offered to Pennsylvania by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will bring much needed stability to struggling families and communities, and it will finance and stimulate growth and innovation by our large industries and small and medium-sized businesses.

Since taking office in 2003, the expansion of Pennsylvania's green energy sector has been central to my economic development strategy. Among my proudest accomplishments are the strides we've made growing businesses that are helping us curb greenhouse gas emissions, cut energy consumption, and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Permit me to share a few key elements of the laws enacted since 2003 that have made this possible.

The Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, passed in 2004, requires 8% of all retail electricity sold in Pennsylvania to come from renewable sources (wind, biomass, biogas), 0.5% to come from solar photovoltaic, and 10% from alternative energy sources (waste to energy, waste coal). In January 2009, a bill that I strongly support was introduced to increase these requirements to 20% renewables, 3% solar, and 3% advanced coal combustion with carbon capture and storage (CCS). As introduced, this legislation requires the development of a regulatory framework for CCS and allows the Commonwealth to accept CCS liability for only the first facility to deliver the coal-fired electricity with CCS. This bill will once again make Pennsylvania a leader in renewable energy production, will protect the Commonwealth's competitive advantage for CCS technology, and will provide future electricity price stability as fossil fuel prices increase.



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Chairman James H. Cawley  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

RE: State Energy Program Funding

Dear Chairman Cawley:

Pennsylvania has taken a number of active steps to promote energy efficiency that assists home owners and businesses in reducing energy costs. Special Session Act 1 of 2008 provides \$92.5 million over eight years for residential and small business energy efficiency programs that are now in operation. In addition, energy efficiency projects for local governments, schools and non-profit businesses are funded under the existing Energy Harvest grants program that is administered by DEP. Also in 2008, Act 129 was passed requiring a 3% reduction in electricity consumption and a 4½% reduction in peak load by 2013. These programs will go into operation in the last quarter of 2009 with funding levels that can exceed \$200 million annually.

Under the authority of Act 129 and your leadership, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission can set energy efficiency requirements that exceed the initial goals set forth in the Act. Finally, up to 25,000 low-income customers annually receive conservation services from electric and gas utilities under programs mandated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. These programs will make home energy more affordable and reduce the cost of doing business in Pennsylvania.

I am attaching the relevant section of the recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R. 1)(ARRA), which directs Governors to make certain assurances regarding energy efficiency programs as a condition of the State receiving our share of \$3.1 billion from the Federal State Energy Program (SEP).

In full recognition of the Public Utility Commission's independent status, I ask that you to consider additional steps the Commonwealth can take to establish appropriate incentives in electric and natural gas utility rates for energy efficiency programs, consistent with State law, the attached statute and relevant PURPA requirements. These include policies to align interests of utilities to support conservation without raising the cost of conservation and increasing the cost to ratepayers of measurable, verifiable efficiency savings. I am asking our Secretary of Environmental Protection, who administers our energy office functions, to work with you and answer any questions you might have. Such coordination can benefit the public.