

March 23, 2011

Senator Phil Rockefeller  
218 John A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA 98504-0423

**RE: Renewable Energy Markets Association Comments on SHB 1712 – Support March 22 Striking Amendments**

Dear Sen. Rockefeller:

The Renewable Energy Markets Association (REMA) again appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on fuel mix reporting and the treatment of null power within the pending Washington State bill SHB-1712.

As you may know, REMA represents the collective interests of both for-profit companies and nonprofit organizations that sell or promote the sale of renewable energy products to individuals, companies and institutions throughout North America, including the state of Washington. We previously shared our concerns with you and other legislators on HB-1712 and the risk it posed to renewable energy markets (particularly Renewable Energy Certificates, or RECs) in Washington State. However, the striking amendments to SHB-1712 proposed on March 22 in the Senate Environment, Water and Energy Committee hearing will allow both increased fuel mix reporting accuracy and the protection of renewable energy contracts. REMA fully supports the language as proposed in the striking amendment.

The March 22 striking amendment recognizes that null power – the underlying electricity separated from its environment attributes – is neither renewable nor can be represented as such. Combined with updated disclosure requirements for energy retail suppliers, these provisions and other modifications to the bill will help prevent the double counting of RECs and provide better information to customers about their energy purchases.

Voluntary renewable energy purchases from Washington facilities are significant: over 1,000,000 MWh of Green-e® Energy certified renewable energy were generated in 2009 alone. The striking amendment, as written, ensures the integrity of renewable energy purchases for residential and commercial consumers, marketers, and renewable energy operators.

REMA urges the legislature to pass SHB-1712 with the proposed striking amendments this session. There is broad coalition support for these well-crafted revisions, and a continued delay could generate market uncertainty, stalling REC purchases and renewable energy investment in the state. REMA recommends that the legislature welcome these sensible and balanced revisions and provide the renewable energy industry the regulatory confidence it requires to move the state forward.

REMA again wishes to thank the Washington State Legislature for the opportunity to comment on SHB-1712. Should any of the aforementioned comments or recommendations raise additional questions or require clarification, please contact Joseph Seymour, REMA Policy and Governmental Affairs Coordinator, at [jseymour@ttcorp.com](mailto:jseymour@ttcorp.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Carlis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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