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The Honorable Sarah Palin  
Governor of Alaska  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Governor Palin:

This letter is in response to communications between your office and the Department of Energy over the last several months regarding Alaska's share to State Energy Program funding as provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act; Pub. L. No. 111-5).

We have carefully weighed the concerns expressed by your office and various elected officials from Alaska, together with the over-arching goals of the Recovery Act to stimulate the economy and create jobs quickly. The Department has decided to extend the deadline for submission of the required assurances under Section 410 of the Recovery Act to September 30, 2009, to afford the State an opportunity to address the issues that have arisen.

The Department will conclude that Alaska has elected to reject the State Energy Program funding provided under the Recovery Act if we have not received the necessary communication by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time on September 30, 2009.



We welcome your continued engagement in these matters. If you need additional information, please contact me or Ms. Sky Gallegos, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and External Affairs, at (202) 586-2032.

Sincerely,



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