

April 18, 2000

Dr. Carolyn Huntoon  
Assistant Secretary  
US Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20585

Re: DOE and Local Government Solutions to Economic Impacts

Dear Dr. Huntoon:

Energy Communities Alliance (“ECA”) is concerned about the recent tack that the Department has taken regarding local economic development issues.

I would like to meet with you to discuss solutions to this very important issue to local governments. ECA and its members have been strong supporters of the Department and vocal proponent of DOE’s budget and activities. However, we’ve been concerned by the Department’s recent decisions to delete some economic provisions and decrease funding for economic development activities at the sites. At the same time many field offices are not working with local communities to mitigate these other decisions.

By meeting together we can begin a dialogue of solutions to these issues and develop ways in which the Department and it’s host local governments can work better together to rebuild our partnerships.

Please have your staff contact me to set up a time for us to meet and discuss these important issues. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss joint solutions for the Department and local governments continue to work together towards our joint goals.

Sincerely,

Seth D. Kirshenberg,  
Executive Director

cc: Susan Hunter  
Dan Berkovitz