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**Subject:** RE: Governors Accord for Clean Energy Future; Call, Oct 16, 1pm Eastern,

**Attachments:** Draft Governors' Energy Accord (12-02-15).docx

Colleagues:

A request has been made to make one minor change to the text of the Accord, which is important to bring another state into our group of participating Accord states. This change simply adds "hydroelectric" power to the list of energy sources that can help to diversify states' energy portfolios. The one-word change is represented in the attached document, and indicated below in **red underline** for ease of your review.

**Please let us know if you have any concerns with this minor change. If we do not receive any concerns about this proposed change, we consider it finalized by COB this coming Monday (December 7).**

Thanks very much,  
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that capture solar, wind, [hydroelectric](#) and geothermal power have become viable and cost-effective to integrate into our states' energy portfolios in many cases. These technologies are already providing energy to millions of Americans while reducing energy waste and air pollution. Amidst decreasing costs of renewable energy, and rapid advances in efficiency throughout entire energy systems, our states will diversify our energy portfolios for economic, health and environmental benefits.

# GOVERNORS' ACCORD FOR A NEW ENERGY FUTURE

American prosperity has always depended on embracing new ideas and technologies. By deploying cleaner and more efficient energy solutions, we can make our national economy more productive and resilient. These technologies help to diversify energy sources that power our economy and reduce dependence on foreign energy sources while securing abundant, domestically produced electricity. Embracing these new energy solutions also modernizes our infrastructure and transportation systems, decreases air pollution, and supports the growth of innovative American companies.

Current challenges also demand these new energy solutions. Increased intensity and frequency of floods, droughts, wildfires and sea-level rise threaten electric reliability and economic development, likely impacting our communities, industries, agricultural production and trillions of dollars of assets. This demands that we diversify our energy portfolios and build more durable, safe and resilient infrastructure. Embracing new energy solutions allows us to expand our economy while protecting the health of our communities and natural resources. These improvements will help secure a safe and prosperous future for our country.

We recognize that now is the time to embrace a bold vision of the nation's energy future, and to do so, states are once again poised to lead. We join together, despite unique opportunities and challenges in each state, to embrace a shared vision of this future:

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## ***Our states will modernize energy infrastructure.***

Modern distribution and transmission grids are required to give consumers more control over their own energy use, increase electricity reliability, and integrate more renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies into our energy systems. Utilities in our states need to update electrical grids to have the technical capacity and "intelligence" to support many types of energy sources and services in a safe and cost-effective way. These grid improvements will allow utilities and consumers to manage electricity flexibly and efficiently.

## ***Our states will encourage clean transportation options.***

Hundreds of thousands of electric vehicles are driving on American roads, and fuels such as natural gas, biofuel and hydrogen are increasingly available to power vehicles. Supporting automakers' and fueling companies' market expansion for these new vehicles and fuels expands consumer choice, lessens dependence on petroleum and reduces pollution. By supporting needed infrastructure development and incentives when appropriate, our states will encourage expanded use of these new technologies.

***Our states will plan for this energy transition.***

Given the complexity of statewide energy systems and the scale of modernizing these systems, many states have developed energy plans and strategies to implement energy improvements. These approaches have incorporated best practices and lessons-learned from new technologies, other states' energy policies, consumer programs, and workforce training efforts. These state-by-state approaches enable each state to meet benchmarks it sets for itself in areas such as energy diversification, reduced energy waste, improved air and water, and economic performance. Our states will support each other in developing, refining and implementing these plans through sharing expertise among our policy experts.

***Our states will work together to make these transformational policy changes.***

Our states are already transforming energy and transportation to be cleaner, more efficient, and more resilient. Many actions taking place in one state can be adapted to meet the needs of other states and scaled across regions. Examples include streamlining siting of environmentally-desirable infrastructure, setting renewable and energy efficiency standards, adopting incentives for clean vehicles, and diversifying energy portfolios to integrate peak shaving, efficiency and renewable energy into a state's energy mix. Building on current efforts, our states will help each other reach shared energy and transportation objectives. This collaboration will be advanced through periodic meetings and technical convenings of our states.

***Our states will help secure a stronger national energy future.***

Given the unique energy portfolio and regulatory framework of each state, Governors are uniquely positioned to drive lasting improvements to our country's energy system. Federal agencies such as the United States Department of Energy lend technical expertise, provide funding, and enable research and development that can help our states make energy improvements. In order to provide effective support, federal agencies must work closely with states to tailor technical support, funding and research to the needs of each state and avoid presupposing the best types of assistance. Strong partnerships among our states and between our states and the federal government will improve our country in the decades to come.