

Appendix A

Letter From Governor Pawlenty



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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February 6, 2007

Mr. Thomas D. Peterson
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Dear Mr. Peterson:

In December, I announced my "Next Generation Energy Initiative" which builds on Minnesota's nation-leading energy policies of more renewable energy, more energy savings, and less carbon emissions. A specific element of this initiative is the development of a comprehensive plan to reduce Minnesota's emissions of greenhouse gases.

As Minnesota continues to move forward, I would like the Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) to help us develop such a plan and by this letter invite you to do so. I extend this invitation for several reasons. First, CCS is nationally recognized for its efforts to develop emissions plans through carefully structured and broadly inclusive stakeholder processes. Second, CCS brings solid technical and cost-benefit analysis to the task and firmly believes in state self-determination. And perhaps most importantly, CCS has repeatedly proven that it can formulate and conduct an inclusive stakeholder process that has achieved remarkable consensus on actions a state and its citizens can take to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

The purpose of this effort will be to identify, develop, and integrate a full range of state-level energy efficiency and other climate change actions into a comprehensive climate action plan that can also provide substantial energy and emissions savings for Minnesota's citizens. The end product should be a final report that includes a thorough inventory and forecast of Minnesota's greenhouse gas emissions. The report should also include a series of individual

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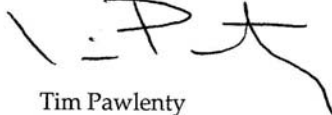
policy recommendations across all sectors and types of activities, recommended statewide goals for reduction, and a plan for implementation. I ask that the end product be delivered by January 2008.

Beginning immediately, I ask CCS to facilitate and provide technical support to this process in partnership and coordination with my office and designated state agencies. All efforts should be coordinated through Deputy Commissioner Edward Garvey at the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

I also ask CCS to provide cost sharing assistance to ensure that Minnesota's process reflects an effort which is inclusive, transparent, and advanced in terms of consensus building and technical analysis. In keeping with this request, please develop a detailed technical work plan for my review and approval, including organizational details, budget plans, and funding requirements.

I appreciate your assistance in this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Pawlenty', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Tim Pawlenty
Governor