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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The State of Colorado is leading the way towards the new Energy Economy. I feel honored to have played a role in policy aspects of this transition, and I seek dialog towards meaningful partnerships for Colorado on such issues. I recognize invVEST as a powerful catalyst for partnerships in India.

Under Colorado's Governor, Bill Ritter, we have become a national leader on implementing New Energy technologies. Over the last four years, sales from qualified renewable energy sources went from 2% of total sales to just over 10%. In addition the Public Utilities Commission has approved resource plans for the state's major utility that will increase renewable acquisitions to over 20% by 2014.

This summer the Colorado PUC will be creating the rules that will get the Investor Owned Utilities to meet a new 30% Renewable Energy Standard. We will also be ruling on proposals to potentially switch a significant amount of coal generation to natural gas. In both these areas, the Colorado PUC is national leader.

On the Energy Efficiency side, the Public Utilities Commission has also embarked on a major initiative to promote Demand Side Management policies. Over the next three years utilities will be required to reduce their projected sales by 2% a year through utility financed demand side management programs.

Colorado has been a traditional coal sourced state, but under the leadership of our Governor and General Assembly, we have passed important policy measures that have as their goal the creation of a New Energy Economy. In this effort we have been fortunate to be able to work collaboratively with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the state major research universities.

I have known invVEST as a technologically and politically neutral nonprofit organization that enables Global Leadership through Massive Scale Sustainable Energy Initiatives. invVEST provides sound strategic vision and works collaboratively with key stakeholders to create detailed roadmaps that drive specific, on-the-ground, initiatives to implement energy transformation. My colleagues and I have frequently leveraged invVEST team as a sounding board for technology and policy decisions and value their in-depth research and guidance.

I strongly support invVEST's efforts as it undertakes a sustained program to advance sustainable energy initiatives that drive economic development and international collaboration between Colorado and India. To that end, I would be interested in starting a dialogue that will lead to a meaningful renewable energy partnership around policies between CO PUC and India through invVEST.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Baker", written over a horizontal line.

Matt Baker  
Commissioner

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