January 22, 2010

The Honorable Mike Thompson  
United States Congress  
221 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  

Re: The STORAGE Act  

Dear Congressman Thompson:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing to express our strong support for the STORAGE Act. As America moves toward a new, clean energy economy, renewable energy tax incentives are critical to promoting the transition to this economy. The investment tax credit and Clean Renewable Energy Bonds provided by the STORAGE Act will address the overlooked issue of storing renewable energy and spur development of energy storage technologies.

Achieving significant carbon emission reductions requires, among other things, significant grid integration of large-scale renewable resources. Energy storage technologies are strategic tools to manage variability and assist with power system integration of renewable energy. Energy storage enables the integration of large amounts of variable and non-peak renewable resources, provides ancillary services, manages peak demand, and relieves transmission and distribution congestion. Storage systems consist of a broad range of technologies, from large-scale pumped hydro, compressed air energy storage (CAES) and thermal energy storage systems to distributed systems such as batteries and flywheels. Rapid deployment of these technologies offer significant potential to reduce the nation’s dependence on conventional fossil plants, while lowering production costs and enhancing reliability of the electric grid.

The technologies produced by these industries play a vital role in reducing global warming pollution, creating new green collar American jobs, spurring economic growth and saving consumers and businesses money on their energy bills. The investment tax credit for energy storage facilities and equipment is necessary to create a market demand for energy storage technologies.

It is critical that Congress provide the correct investment and policy incentives to guarantee the deployment of clean energy resources. We urge you to do all that you can to get this legislation passed and we looking forward to working with you to build support for the STORAGE Act.

Sincerely,

Alliant Energy Corporation  
ALLETE/Minnesota Power  
Alstom Power Inc.  
Ameren Corporation  
American Electric Power  
American Hydro Corporation  
Avista  
Brookfield Renewable Power  
Business Council for Sustainable Energy  
CA Energy Storage Alliance
CALMAC Manufacturing Corporation
CMS Energy
Consumers Energy
The Coalition to Advance Renewable Energy through Bulk Storage (CAREBS)
Dominion
Duke Energy
Eagle Crest Energy
Edison Electric Institute
Electric Power Supply Association
Electricity Storage Association
Energy Future Holdings
FirstEnergy Corporation
Free Flow Power
General Compression
Grant PUD
Hatch Acres Corporation
HDR|DTA
Hydro Performance Processes, Inc
IEEE-USA
National Grid
MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company
NATGUN Corporation
National Hydrogen Association
National Hydropower Association
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
NEMA Energy Storage Council
Northwest Hydroelectric Association
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Portland General Electric
Power Tree Corporation
Primus Power
Progress Energy
Public Service Enterprise Group
ReVolt Technology
Riverbank Power Corporation
Sempra Energy
Southpoint Energy
The AES Corporation
The National Hydrogen Association
Trane
Ultralife Corporation
United Illuminating Company
Voith Hydro, Inc.
Xcel Energy