



## The Secretary of Energy

Washington, D.C. 20585

October 13, 2009

Dr. Greg Smestad  
P.O. Box 5729  
San Jose, California 95150

Dear Dr. Smestad:

On behalf of the Department of Energy, thank you for your recent service as a peer reviewer for proposals that were submitted in response to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Your contribution to this unprecedented effort to re-establish U.S. global leadership in science and engineering research and development will help to ensure our Nation's security and economic prosperity.

With the benefit of your expertise, we have been able to identify the most worthwhile projects in support of our goals of a sustainable energy future for the sake of our economic prosperity, political stability, and the children who will inherit our planet. The consequences of inaction are becoming more apparent with each successive year, and how we deal with the energy and climate change challenge will be a defining moment of our collective legacy.

I look forward to future opportunities to call upon you and others in the academic and professional communities as together we confront the challenges facing our Nation. Thank you for your commitment to meeting those challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Chu".

Steven Chu

