



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor

February 3, 2009

The Honorable Nikki Whitty
Coos County Commissioner
250 N. Baxter
Coquille, OR 97423

Dear Commissioner Whitty:

Your letter requesting the Southern Oregon Renewable Energy proposal to be designated as an Oregon Solutions project has just come to my attention. After reviewing the information presented, I agree that the project supports Oregon's sustainable community objectives and by this letter designate this effort as an Oregon Solutions project. I am appointing Bill Thorndike and Mike McArthur as the co-conveners who will lead a team of public, private and civic partners toward innovative solutions that will address the objectives outlined in the project assessment.

The Oregon Solutions approach will help you bring together the potential partners in a neutral and collaborative way to address issues and needs. By integrating and leveraging investments, this project has the potential to strengthen the ties between the public, private and civic sectors to create positive change.

I am pleased to see six of Oregon's counties taking such a collaborative and innovative approach to economic development and renewable energy and look forward to seeing the results of your collective efforts. Please keep me updated on this effort and thank you for your work and enthusiasm so far.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theodore R. Kulongoski".

Theodore R. Kulongoski
Governor

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