



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

October 24, 2007

Mr. Edward C. Hurley
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Dear Mr. Hurley:

I am pleased to invite you to continue to serve as a member of the National Coal Council for the 2008-2009 membership term.

Chartered in 1984 under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Council is one of the Department of Energy's most important advisory committees. Its purpose is to inform and make recommendations to the Secretary of Energy with respect to any matter relating to coal or the coal industry.

As you are aware, President George W. Bush issued a comprehensive National Energy Policy that is intended to help bring together business, Government, local communities, and citizens to promote dependable, affordable, and environmentally sound energy for the future. The Policy recognizes the vital role that coal plays in providing Americans with reliable, competitively-priced energy today, and it places equally important emphasis on encouraging cutting edge technologies that will help coal meet America's energy and environmental needs in the future.

Our task now is to begin meeting those challenges identified in the Policy. To do so, I intend to rely heavily on the experience of recognized leaders in the coal and technology industries. Consistent with the objective, I am appointing you to represent the viewpoint of companies engaged in coal production to ensure their viewpoint is clearly articulated in the committee discussions. This will make the work of the National Coal Council extremely important in the coming months, and I am certain you will find your association with the Council both challenging and productive.

Members of the Council serve without compensation and are asked to recuse themselves from participation in any meeting, study, recommendation, or other Council activity that would have a direct and predictable effect on the companies, organizations, agencies, or other entities with which they are associated or in which they have a financial interest.



I hope you will be able to accept this (re)appointment, and I look forward to working with you in this capacity. Please contact Mr. Robert Beck, Executive Director, National Coal Council or Mr. Robert Kane, Office of Fossil Energy, with your decision. Mr. Beck can be reached on (202) 223-1191 and Mr. Kane can be reached on (202) 586-4753, and they will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel W. Bodman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Samuel W. Bodman