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Honorable Charlie Baker  
Governor  
December 1, 2015  
Re: Chapter 23J §5 Report

Governor Baker:

I am writing to you regarding the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center's ("MassCEC's") Fiscal Year 2015 annual reporting requirement. Under Chapter 23J, §5 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center ("MassCEC") is required to report annually to you as follows:

The center shall annually submit a report setting forth, relative to its operations, its receipts and expenditures during such fiscal year and its assets and liabilities during the fiscal year to the governor, the secretary of administration and finance, the comptroller and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, who shall forward the same to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies, the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy and the joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture annually on or before August 15.

The center shall annually, not later than August 15, submit to the governor, the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy, the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies and the senate and house committees on ways and means a report detailing the expenditure and investment of monies from the fund and the trust fund over the previous fiscal year, the ability of the fund to meet the requirements in section 35FF of chapter 10 and the ability of the trust fund to meet the requirements in section 9, and any recommendations for improving the ability of the board, the center and the fund and trust fund to meet such requirements.

The center shall annually, no later than August 15, submit to the governor, the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy, the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies and the senate and house committees on ways and means a report detailing the commonwealth's clean energy sector. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to, an examination of the growth rate of the commonwealth's clean energy sector, including the number of in-state jobs and businesses.

As required by the language above, I am including MassCEC's final independently audited financial report. This includes detailed information regarding MassCEC's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015.

MassCEC is required to report on the ability of the Massachusetts Alternative and Clean Energy Investment Trust Fund and the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust to meet the requirements of each fund, established by Chapter 10 §35FF, and Chapter 23J §9, respectively. Consistent with the mandates of those sections, the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center approved a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2016 at its meeting on June 23, 2015. The Massachusetts Alternative and Clean Energy Investment Trust and the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust are solvent and able to fund the operations and mission of MassCEC in Fiscal Year 2016.

MassCEC is also required to make recommendations for means of improving MassCEC's ability to meet its mission. MassCEC, like any other entity, is resource constrained in our ability to fully meet our mission. While we have sufficient funding to continue operating effectively, the nature of the clean energy space is such that significant opportunities remain to support individual projects, research and development, commercialization, and workforce training above and beyond our existing resources. Any additional funding which could be provided to MassCEC would certainly enhance our ability to meet our mission.

Finally, MassCEC is required to report on the "growth rate of the commonwealth's clean energy sector, including the number of in-state jobs and businesses." To that end, I am including a copy of the MassCEC's 2015 Clean Energy Industry Study. I am pleased to report that this study determined that there are 98,895 clean energy employees and 6,439 clean energy firms in the Commonwealth. In addition, the study finds that the number of clean energy employees has grown at a rate of 11.9% over the past 12 months.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Massachusetts Clean Energy Center

Enclosures

Cc:  
Honorable Thomas G. Shack, Comptroller  
Honorable Kristen Lepore, Secretary of Administration and Finance  
Honorable Karen E. Spilka, Chairman, Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Honorable Benjamin B. Downing, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy  
Honorable Eileen M. Donahue, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies  
Honorable Brian S. Dempsey, Chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means  
Honorable Thomas A. Golden, House Chair, Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy  
Honorable Joseph F. Wagner, House Chair, Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies  
Honorable William F. Welch, Clerk of the Senate  
Honorable Steven T. James, Clerk of the House