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January 8, 2010

The Honorable Ian Bowles
Secretary, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114-2119

Dear Secretary Bowles:

On behalf of the Biomass Thermal Energy Council (BTEC) and the Alliance for Green Heat (AGH), we applaud the December 30, 2009 announcement of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the 11 northeastern governors committing their states to the continued development of a low carbon fuel standard (LCFS) for transportation and other fuels.

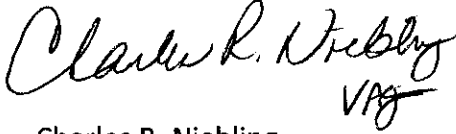
BTEC (www.biomassthermal.org) is a trade association of over 80 members dedicated to advancing the use of biomass for heat and other thermal applications. AGH (www.forgreenheat.org) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of clean-burning, high efficiency biomass combustion as an affordable and environmentally responsible choice for heating. Both our organizations are headquartered in Washington DC.

We have closely monitored NESCAUM's impressive work in coordinating development of a low carbon fuel standard for the northeast. While we recognize that the principal focus of a LCFS is its potential application to transportation fuels, we congratulate the governors and NESCAUM for remaining receptive to inclusion of heating fuels in a regional LCFS.

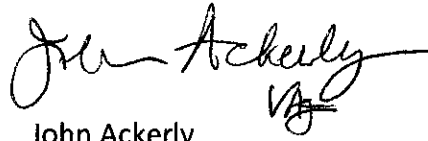
We stand ready to work constructively with NESCAUM and regional climate policy advocates to advance the LCFS according to the timetable set forth by the MOU, and we wish to participate actively in the continued consideration of its application to heating fuels. We recognize the complexity of this undertaking but believe there are environmentally and economically advantageous mechanisms to apply such a standard to heating fuels.

Again, our congratulations to all who have worked so hard to advance the LCFS to date: the governors and their agency heads whose leadership has made possible this initiative; the staff of NESCAUM and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; and to the members of the LCFS steering committee who've committed time above and beyond their other state duties. Please feel free to contact either of us if we can assist in the continued advancement of this important work.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Charles R. Niebling in black ink, with a stylized 'VAG' monogram below it.

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