Dear Friends,

The FIT Coalition had a great 2010, thanks to the work of our growing expert team, board of advisors, volunteer base, and community of supporters like you. We worked diligently to protect and promote the wholesale clean local energy market in policy-making forums and regulatory arenas. Our actions gained national traction with the press, policymakers and opinion leaders.

Here is a quick run-down of 2010 accomplishments and our 2011 goals:

### 2010 Accomplishments

**Became Recognized as a Regulatory Action Leader.** The FIT Coalition participated in numerous regulatory proceedings in California and with FERC, establishing a strong reputation for smart, objective contributions to policy design. We also advised other state leaders on regulatory affairs. In California, the FIT Coalition had utility data transparency victories in the RAM proposal, submitted strong comments in the CPUC LTPP hearings, had our concerns recognized by FERC in their acceptance of CAISO’s GIP proposal, and have begun work to protect ratepayers and smaller developers at the various WDAT reform proceedings. Our rationale that locational benefits should be allowed within avoided cost calculations, as outlined in our filing with FERC, was successfully included in the FERC’s final declaratory order advising the CPUC on its CHP FIT pricing design. Time and again, regulators acknowledged the value of the FIT Coalition voice for its well-reasoned balance.

**Enhanced our National Leadership.** Over the last year, the FIT Coalition became known as a no-nonsense, clean energy policy resource for the press and with Capitol Hill leaders. FIT Coalition sources were cited in dozens of clean tech industry and mainstream press outlets. In July, the FIT Coalition was invited to present on the economic benefits of Feed-In Tariffs for Congressional leaders and staff. During that visit, the FIT Coalition also presented to leadership at the Department of Energy and the Center for American Progress, and met with Commissioners and high-level staff at FERC. Additionally, we have been a strong voice of support for federal legislation on clean energy issues such as Congressman Jay Inslee’s national FIT bill and Senator Bernie Sanders’ states rights on clean energy programs act.

**Built Foundation for 2011 Success.** This year, the FIT Coalition began working with several municipalities on designing their own successful clean energy programs. We also continued to establish a strong network of coalition partners for clean energy legislation. While mostly behind the scenes, these activities strengthen our work to advance the right policies for renewable energy at the local, state and federal level.

### 2011 Goals

**Moving Clean Energy Legislation in California and Beyond.** The FIT Coalition is optimistic that 2011 is the year for bold clean energy legislative action in California and beyond. In the last two months, we have been quietly working with California legislators and coalition partners to craft smart and effective clean energy legislation that will spur tremendous growth in the Wholesale Distributed Generation market segment. If enacted, this new clean energy program will create hundreds of thousands of in-state jobs and produce significant additional economic benefits with billions in increased private investment and state revenue. This legislative agenda complements Governor-elect Jerry Brown’s goal to bring 12 GW of Wholesale DG online by 2020. We will release details on the new legislative program in early 2011. The FIT

**Upcoming Events**
Coalition also plans to help other states replicate any California legislative successes by devising a legislative packet for coalition partners and friends to implement. Several targets states where the FIT Coalition is already working with local representatives include: AZ, CO, IA, MI, NV, and NY.

**Working at the Local level. Leading at the National level.** In 2011, more municipalities will be embracing clean energy change locally. The FIT Coalition anticipates working with many additional municipal governments to help design smart, clean energy programs that create local jobs and help free communities from their dependence on dirty energy. At the national level, the FIT Coalition will support Senator Sanders to reintroduce the "[Let the States Innovate on Sustainable Energy Act.](http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/620882/467a4a646e/282352755/60d9b132c1/)" This legislation clarifies that states have the right to pursue a wide variety of clean energy programs at the state level without federal interference. We will also work with Congressman Jay Inslee when he reintroduces the national FIT bill or similar legislation.

**Continuing Success in Regulatory Affairs.** Next year, the FIT Coalition will expand upon its important regulatory work in California, and continue to be a resource for organizations and companies in other states. We know that California will continue to act as the clean energy policy 'laboratory' for the country with several major regulatory initiatives in procurement and interconnection. The FIT Coalition will work to ensure that the various regulatory programs supporting Wholesale DG are implemented in the most cost-effective, fair manner, and, as importantly, we will continue to lead on interconnection reform to "free the grid" for WDG development.

Thank you for supporting the FIT Coalition's work as we strive for the right policies for renewable energy now. We look forward to making even greater strides towards the clean energy policy solutions we need in 2011.

Sincerely,

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