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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

About The FIT Coalition

Feed-In Tariffs are the most effective, proven policy for bringing massive amounts of clean, renewable energy online. By unleashing the Wholesale Distributed Generation market segment, Feed-In Tariffs have driven the majority of all renewable energy that has been deployed in the world and are responsible for almost 90% of the solar capacity brought online in 2009. The FIT Coalition is focused on implementing Feed-In Tariffs and other global best practices to propel clean energy production in the United States. We are a non-partisan organization whose mission is to implement policies that will accelerate the deployment of cost-effective clean energy. The FIT Coalition believes the right policies will result in a timely transition to clean energy while yielding tremendous economic benefits, including new job creation, increased tax revenue, and the establishment of an economic foundation that will drive growth for decades. The FIT Coalition is active at the national, state, and local levels and was founded in 2009.

Support the FIT Coalition

The FIT Coalition is actively seeking financial backing in order to strengthen our efforts at both the state and federal level.

If you or your organization is interested in supporting the FIT Coalition, please contact us at development@fitcoalition.com.

Additionally, we welcome invitations to any forums or events where we can promote the benefits of Feed-In Tariffs to new audiences.

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 target 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](#)." 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,

Craig Lewis
Executive Director, FIT Coalition

February 15, 2011

[Smart Energy Canada | Toronto, Canada](#)

Craig Lewis, Executive Director of the FIT Coalition, speaks on Canada's potential for clean energy through the smart grid and the power of distributed generation. His session is on Tuesday, February 15 at 9:30 a.m.

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