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REMA Offers Support for Senator Bingaman's Clean Energy Standard Legislation

Renewable energy trade association recognizes Senator Bingaman leadership in latest clean energy proposal

WASHINGTON, March 1, 2012 – The Renewable Energy Markets Association (REMA) applauds Senator Jeff Bingaman's (D-NM) leadership in clean energy through his introduction of the Clean Energy Standard Act of 2012 (CES). The CES calls for retail electric utilities to provide 24% of their energy from qualifying clean energy sources beginning in 2015, increasing to 84% by the year 2035.

"REMA applauds Senator Bingaman's leadership in on renewable and clean energy legislation," said Josh Lieberman, REMA General Manager. "We know this is a difficult time politically to stand and deliver on clean energy development, but Sen. Bingaman's proposal today will help lead our nation down the path of greater energy security and job creation."

Over the upcoming months, REMA pledges to work with Senator Bingaman and other leaders in clean energy to ensure that the CES does not impinge on the role of the voluntary markets for clean, renewable energy. In 2010, the voluntary market for green power exceeded the electricity needs of 3 million American homes, approximately 35.6 million MWh.

REMA urges policy makers to participate in rigorous debate that allows private consumers to go above and beyond mandates to boost the nation's energy future.

For more information on REMA's Clean Energy Standard position, please visit renewablemarketers.com/pdf/REMA_CES_4.11.2011.pdf

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About the Renewable Energy Markets Association (REMA): The Renewable Energy Markets Association (REMA) is a nonprofit trade association dedicated to maintaining and growing strong markets for renewable energy in the United States. REMA engages in education and advocacy efforts on behalf of an industry coalition of renewable energy marketers, utilities, equipment manufacturers, and others supportive of renewable energy markets. www.renewablemarketers.org

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