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Dear Mr. Stevens:

I am writing in response to your May 29, 2002, letter, in which you requested my attendance at a July 10, 2002, meeting of interested stakeholders pursuant to the requirements of SB 684. Thank you for your request. I will be at the meeting.

Your letter also requested comments specific to the feasibility, effectiveness, and value of collecting the information detailed in SB 684. I understand the information detailed in this legislation is to be used for the purpose of monitoring the energy infrastructure in Virginia. This being the case we have only one general comment at this time. If the maps and some of the other aggregated information (inventory of units, fuel types, actual operating parameters, etc., as described in § 3) detailed in SB 684 are not already available via other means, it appears this collective information would be useful to the natural resources agencies during their environmental impact reviews of proposed energy-related facilities. I hope to learn if this is the case during the discussions at the meeting on July 10.

Thank you again for requesting my participation in this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael P. Murphy".

Michael P. Murphy, Director
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