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Secretary Alisa C. Bentley
Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Blvd.
Cannon Building, Suite 100
Dover, DE. 19904

Dear Secretary Bentley,

The DNA represents the interests of approximately fourteen thousand nurses in the State of Delaware. Nurses Healing Our Planet is an ad hoc committee of the Delaware Nurses Association. This committee is concerned about issues influencing the environment; air and water quality, food, sanitation, cleanliness, chemicals, pesticides, waste products, and its impact on health. We have recently been informed of a draft Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), by Delmarva Power (PSC Docket No. 10-2). The draft IRP includes a calculation of the environmental costs and benefits of current plans to shifts to renewable energy in Delaware.

The draft IRP projects the economic benefit of moving to renewable energy in Delaware to be \$1.8 billion to \$4.3 billion over the next ten years. The figure is based on epidemiological estimates for health and mortality effects (such as lung disease and cancer) of power plant emissions. This comes to roughly \$2,000 - \$4,750 for every *Delaware resident* over the next ten years. Significant numbers of Delawareans will remain healthy because of these endeavors toward promoting renewable energy.

As nurses, we recognize that the impact of a healthier environment benefits everyone. We support the promotion of clean renewable energy for the state. We hope that the benefits to public health and elimination and decrease of risk will continue to be considered in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie S. Osgood MSN, RN-BC, NE-BC".

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