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RE: Implementation of the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Docket No. M-0051865

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Public Utility Commission, and the PA Department of Environmental Protection, of United States Steel's interest in the January 19, 2005 Technical Conference regarding the implementation of Pennsylvania's new alternative energy law.

United States Steel's, Mon Valley Works is one of the largest consumers of energy in Pennsylvania. The Mon Valley Works is geographically divided into three operations, including the Clairton Coke Works (Clairton PA), the Edgar Thomson steel production facility, (Braddock PA) and the Irvin Plant steel finishing facility (Dravosburg PA). Combined, the Mon Valley Works employs approximately 5,000 in Allegheny County and is Pennsylvania's only remaining fully integrated steel production facility.

In recent years, the Mon Valley Works has experienced a significant increase in the purchase price of electricity. This has occurred despite the Mon Valley Work's successful energy conservation efforts, as recognized by the USDOE Energy Conservation Award, and our industry leading recycling efforts. The continued increase in the purchase price of electricity has a direct relationship to the relative competitiveness of the Mon Valley facilities, as is the case with all similarly situated manufacturers in southwest Pennsylvania.

The recently passed "Renewable Energy" legislation (SB 1030) presents an opportunity for United States Steel to minimize the competitive disadvantage of the Mon Valley Work's increased energy costs, while continuing to practice model energy conservation and recycling initiatives. Accordingly, our company will be following closely the implementation of the Act, and respectfully request an opportunity for our input to be considered as one of the stakeholders in the implementation process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Masciantonio".

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