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Subject: Energy Conference Invitee

Dear Energy Conference 2011 Steering Committee Members,
A board member has suggested that we invite TJ Deora, director of the Governor's Energy Office (GEO) in Colorado, to the December conference. TJ essentially responsible for the governor's energy policy, which is heavily reliant on renewables and distributed generation. He is reportedly very charismatic and enthusiastic about speaking of Colorado's experience with implementation and costs. I tried to do some independent research on him myself, but I found little besides his bio and an article about his appointment. We are thinking about inviting him but want to hear your input first. His bio is below.

TJ is the Director of the Governor's Energy Office (GEO). Prior to joining the GEO, TJ led policy advocacy efforts as Senior Manager in Horizon Wind Energy's government affairs team where he focused on promoting investment-friendly environments at the state and regional level across the eastern US. Earlier he led Horizon's market and transmission development in New England and early stage project development efforts in the Rockies. In that role, TJ developed projects in Kit Carson, Cheyenne, and Baca counties, and he helped found and served as co-chair of the Colorado Renewables and Conservation Collaborative, a voluntary industry working group. TJ

has served on the boards of the Interwest Energy Alliance, the Colorado Independent Energy Association, and Renewable Energy New England.

Before joining Horizon, TJ was a consultant with McKinsey's energy practice, based in Washington DC, where he served utility and industrial clients. He earlier worked in Calpine's energy trading group in Houston, analyzing the performance of their fleet of natural gas-fired power plants and guiding trading strategy. TJ started his career as a engineer for The Dow Chemical Company in engineering, operations, R&D, and business development roles. He holds a bachelors of science in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas in Austin and a masters of business administration from Harvard Business School. TJ spent two years serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Jamaica.

Furthermore, here is an article from *The Colorado Independent* about his appointment.

<http://coloradoindependent.com/70898/hickenlooper-names-wind-energy-executive-as-new-head-of-geo>

Please advise of your take on this at your earliest convenience.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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