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Mr. Bill Johnson  
Chairman, President and CEO  
Progress Energy  
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Developing our green economy is one of the cornerstones of my vision for North Carolina's economic future. Projects such as the proposed Desert Wind Power Project (Project) by Iberdrola Renewables can help us lay the foundation for North Carolina to lead the nation in clean, homegrown energy. This project would also bring much-needed jobs and economic development to the northeastern part of our state.

As you know, Iberdrola Renewables is considering the development of a 300 megawatt wind energy farm which could power between 55,000-70,000 North Carolina homes. The company has been working diligently over the past year with communities, landowners, and government agencies. This past May, the Project became the first commercial large-scale wind farm approved by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in the state.

What is urgently needed now, to ensure its viability and long-term success, is an agreement with a utility company to purchase the power generated from this landmark project. If developed as proposed, the Project is expected to bring substantial economic benefits to the area, including over 400 jobs during the construction of the Project, payments close to \$1 million per year to local landowners over the life of the wind farm, and additional property tax revenue.

Fostering the development of clean energy projects is a top priority for me in order to ensure North Carolina is a national leader in the green economy. I urge your company to give serious consideration to partnering with Iberdrola Renewables to make the Project a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beverly Eaves Perdue".

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