



Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585

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Chris Meister
Executive Director
Illinois Finance Authority / Climate Bank
160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite S-1000
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Dear Mr. Meister,

The Loan Programs Office (“*LPO*”) of the Department of Energy administers a clean energy financing program under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 16511 et seq.) (“*Title 17*”).

Projects supported by a [State Energy Financing Institution](#) (SEFI) are exempt from Title 17’s innovation requirement, so long as the projects are from an eligible technology category and receive meaningful financial support or credit enhancements from a SEFI.

The Department has reviewed relevant information and concludes the Illinois Finance Authority meets the definition of a State Energy Financing Institution under the terms of Title 17.

We look forward to working with the Illinois Finance Authority and the applicants whose projects you may support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Philip Kangas".

Philip Kangas
Director, Outreach & Business Development
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