

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Washington

ORDER NO. 3285, Amendment No. 1 (*Amended material italicized*)

SIGNATURE DATE: February 22, 2010

Subject: Renewable **Energy** Development by the Department of the Interior


Sec. 1 **Purpose.** This Order establishes the development of renewable energy as a priority for the Department of the Interior and establishes a Departmental Task Force on Energy and Climate Change. This Order also amends and clarifies Departmental roles and responsibilities to accomplish this goal.

Sec. 2 **Background.** The Nation faces significant challenges to meeting its current and future energy needs. Meeting these challenges will require strategic planning and a thoughtful, balanced approach to domestic resource development that calls upon the coordinated development of renewable resources, as well as the development of traditional energy resources. Many of our public lands possess substantial renewable resources that will help meet our Nation's future energy needs while also providing significant benefits to our environment and the economy. Increased production of renewable energy will create jobs, provide cleaner, more sustainable alternatives to traditional energy resources, and enhance the energy security of the United States by adding to the domestic energy supply. As the steward of more than one-fifth of our Nation's lands, and neighbor to other land managers, the Department of the Interior has a significant role in coordinating and ensuring environmentally responsible renewable energy production and development of associated infrastructure needed to deliver renewable energy to the consumer.

Sec. 3 **Authority.** This Order is issued under the authority of Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 211 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-58).

Sec. 4 **Policy.** Encouraging the production, development, and delivery of renewable energy is one of the Department's highest priorities. Agencies and bureaus within the Department will work collaboratively with each other, and with other Federal agencies, departments, states, local communities, and private landowners to encourage the timely and responsible development of renewable energy and associated transmission while protecting and enhancing the Nation's water, wildlife, and other natural resources.

Sec. 5 **Energy and Climate Change Task Force.** A Task Force on Energy and Climate Change is hereby established in the Department. *The Task Force reports to the Energy and Climate Change Council.* The Deputy Secretary and the Counselor to the Secretary shall serve as Co-Chairs. *At the discretion of the Co-chairs, the Task Force may draw on separate bureau and Assistant Secretary representation, as appropriate, to concentrate on the renewable energy agenda.* The Task Force on Energy and Climate Change shall:



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