

**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"**  
**Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)**

<b>1. Your Name: Michael Furze</b>			
<b>2. Your Title: Assistant Director, Energy Division</b>			
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: Washington State Department of Commerce</b>			
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?</b>	Yes X	No	
<b>5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2015. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.</b>			
Assistance Agreement			
Number	Name	Date Range	Amount
DE-EE006999	State Energy Program	2015-2017	\$ 1,420,
DE-EE0006505	Growing Washingtons Clean Energy Value Chain	2014-2016	\$ 253,
DE-EE0006890	PCC Benchmarking	2014-2017	\$ 450,
DE-EE0005871	Building Energy Use in Public Facilities	2012-2016	\$ 520,
DE-EE0007665	Solar Plus Strategies for Oregon & Washington	2017	\$ 2,050,
DE-EE0005864	WA State Energy Efficiency Resource Standard	through 9/2015	\$ 473,
DE-OE0000794	WA Energy Response to Earthquake & Tsunami Catastrophe	2015-2016	\$ 100,
DE-EE0006298	Energy Outwest	2014-2017	\$ 100,
DE-EE0006191	Weatherization	2013-2017	\$ 13,881,
<b>6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>			

Signature: 

Date: 6/12/2017

# Michael W. Furze

## Professional Experience

**Assistant Director, Energy Division** – Washington State Department of Commerce (2016-Present)

Lead Commerce's Energy Division, accountable for achieving Commerce's purpose of strengthening communities through the state's Weatherization Plus Health Program, State Energy Office Policy Section, Energy Assurance and Clean Energy Fund programs. The Division provides energy policy support, analysis, and information for the Governor, Legislature, Commerce, and public. Maintains stakeholder relationships and engages on policies issues relative to local infrastructure planning and financing consistent with Governor's, Agency and Boards policies and direction. The Energy Division has 25-30 FTEs and manages over \$72 million in biennial funding.

**Managing Director, Housing Improvement & Preservation Unit** – Washington State Department of Commerce (February 2014- December 2015)

Led a team of 18 employees to deliver weatherization, lead remediation and Manufactured Housing Relocation program services. Provided strategic vision for the Unit to create healthy, efficient housing. Developed an entrepreneurial approach to the program, creating the foundation of the state's Weatherization Plus Health.

**Weatherization Section Manager** – Washington State Department of Commerce (July 2013- February 2014)

Led five employees in the Policy and Contract Section of the Housing Improvement and Preservation Unit. Assessed Washington-specific program nuances and identifies strategic opportunities to sustain and improve our weatherization program. Facilitated critical dialogue as Commerce representative at the Energy Project Steering Committee and Weatherization Advisory Committee meetings.

**Weatherization Program Manager** – Washington State Department of Commerce (February 2013- June 2014)

Managed the Energy Matchmaker Program, the state-funded aspect of the Weatherization Assistance Program. Built relationships with utilities, enabling additional leverage of low-income weatherization. Managed \$10M in leverage funding for the Commerce weatherization network.

**Green Initiative Manager** – New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority SR, Incorporated (Albuquerque, NM), 2008-2013

Managed the technical aspects of NM EnergySmart, the state's Weatherization Assistance Program. Provided technical support and training to key MFA staff and contractors to ensure timely and efficient delivery of weatherization services. Developed, monitored performance and exceeded MFA's strategic goals for Green Building and Affordable Housing Planning. Created the "Deck of Cards" Field Guide collaborative, a 26-state, crowd-funded visual representation of national work standards to help states meet program requirements during a budget crunch.

**Healthcare Ombudsman**– Vermont Legal Aid 2004-2006

Advocated on behalf for Vermonters experiencing challenges with the healthcare system. Facilitated staff research and advocacy strategy of the Health Law Task Force to oppose proposals detrimental to consumers and suggest positive alternatives.

## Education

University of New Mexico, Master with Distinction, Community + Regional Planning (Fall 2010)  
University of New Mexico, Town Design Graduate Certificate (Fall 2010)  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst, B.A., Anthropology Spring, 2003

### **Board and Advisory Service**

- Board Member, NASEO (2017-present)
- Board Chair, USGBC-NM, Committee Member, (2010-2012)
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- Participant, Department of Energy WAP 2015 Plus Advisory Committee