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### **State Anticipates Savings Through Energy Efficiency Measures**

Governor Easley's Commission to Promote Government Efficiency and Savings on State Spending has recommended a statewide utility savings initiative to be coordinated by the State Energy Office.

This initiative involves five areas of review:

- a rate-appropriateness review by all agencies to determine the most economical rate for electricity service;
- an energy and water conservation review by all agencies to determine low-cost and no-cost opportunities to implement common sense savings measures in ongoing operations and maintenance;
- a review by the State Controller's Office to determine the feasibility of consolidating utility accounts and maximizing the utilization of electronic payments;
- a rate-appropriateness study of other utilities by the State Energy Office to determine if further savings can be achieved; and
- actions to enable agencies to execute performance contracts to achieve savings, including support of authorizing legislation.

According to Governor Easley, the projected first year savings from this initiative is \$7 million. A statewide steering committee has been formed with representatives from several agencies and the university system. This team will provide overall direction for the project.

"I believe this initiative provides significant opportunity to realize many valuable savings and efficiencies for our state. Working together, I am confident we can successfully implement utility savings across state government," said Governor Easley in his letter to cabinet secretaries, the UNC system and Council of State members.

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Molly Broad, President of the UNC system, in her memo to university chancellors emphasized the responsibility of the university system. "We need to play an active role in this process to ensure that the incentives associated with the energy savings measures are sufficient to encourage the full implementation of these measures."

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