MEMORANDUM

Date: April 9, 2010

To: All State Agencies

From: Morey Sullivan, Deputy Director

Subject: PC Energy Savings

The Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC), recommends that all agencies comply with Executive Directive No. 07-373, Energy Conservation and Management.

Paragraph seven of that directive states that all computers not having a technical or operational need, be turned off at work stations when not in use for a period of four or more hours.

DISC requires its employees to turn off their computers when not in use. This accomplishes several things:

- Insures PCs are rebooted on a regular basis. This keeps computers updated and functioning properly.

- Computers will last longer if it is turned off when not in use. Old recommendations about computers wearing out from being turned on and off, and that it takes more energy to start a computer than keeping it running, are just not true anymore.

- It saves money. You can find several government and vendor web sites to verify this. The Division of Facilities Management conducted a study that revealed the savings from just the Landon State Office Building employees turning off their computers and peripherals would save over $11,000 annually. PCs also produce heat, so turning them off reduces building cooling loads.

Let’s all join together in saving the state money and resources. Every penny saved helps State Government operate more efficiently, especially in these times of economic decline.