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Despacho de la Ministra

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Ms.  
Nicole Ballin  
Managing Director  
Up Energy Group, Inc.

Reference: "UpEnergy Open Access Improved Cookstoves Program in Latin America"

I have the honor to inform you that the Clean Development National Office (ONDL, in Spanish acronym) of the Ministry of Environmental and Natural Resources of Nicaragua (MARENA, in Spanish acronym) as Designated National Authority (DNA) for the Kyoto Protocol endorses the "UpEnergy Open Access Improved Cookstoves Program in Latin America" as a Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) program authorising Up Energy Group, Inc to be the coordinating managing entity, and gives the required approval for the program to claim Certificated Emission Reductions (CERs).

As authorized representative of the Designated National Authority (DNA) for Nicaragua and under the Kyoto Protocol, I confirm that:

- a) Nicaragua has ratified the Kyoto Protocol
- b) The participation of Nicaragua in the CDM and the Project is voluntary
- c) The Project contributes to the sustainable development of Nicaragua
- d) The DNA will cooperate with the Project Participants and the CDM Executive Board to facilitate the CDM process and give assistance, where necessary, for the issuance and transfer of Certified Emission Reductions (CERs) to the Project Participant

As authorized representative of the Designated National Authority (DNA) for Nicaragua and under Kyoto Protocol, I authorize:

- a) The participation of Up Energy Group Inc, as Project Participant in the Program.

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b) The CDM Executive Board to issue and allocate CERs for any verified greenhouse gas reduction from the Project.

With this communication I approve on behalf of the Government of Nicaragua the "UpEnergy Open Access Improved Cookstoves Program in Latin America" as a Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project for the purpose of Article 12 of Kyoto Protocol.

I express my willingness to provide further information about this Project.

Best regards,



**Juanita Argemir Sandoval**  
Minister of Environment and Natural Resources  
Nicaragua

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