

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, )	
regarding administration and operation of the )	Case No. U-13129
Low-Income and Energy Efficiency Fund. )	
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At the March 18, 2010 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Chairman  
Hon. Monica Martinez, Commissioner  
Hon. Greg R. White, Commissioner

**AMENDATORY ORDER**

On September 15, 2009, the Commission approved a number of grants from the Low-Income and Energy Efficiency Fund (LIEEF). The order awarded a total of \$55 million to nine organizations to provide energy assistance to low-income households throughout the state.

This winter Michigan has seen an unprecedented increase in the number of households seeking help with heating bills. Due to the high unemployment rate and loss of jobs in the state, many households that have never before requested help are in need of heating assistance. The Commission recognizes that an urgent need exists to make additional funding available to help the increasing number of low-income households that are struggling to pay heating bills.

The Commission finds that it is reasonable and in the public interest to amend its September 15, 2009 order from \$55 million to \$56 million increasing the amount of funding awarded from the LIEEF to assist low-income households with heating bills. The additional \$1 million in funding will be divided amongst the nine organizations awarded grants as follows:

Department of Human Services – \$636,400; Downriver Community Conference – \$16,400; Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. – \$2,700; Lighthouse Emergency Services – \$5,500; Michigan Community Action Agency Association – \$75,500; Newaygo County Community Services – \$54,500; Society of St. Vincent de Paul – \$9,100; The Heat and Warmth Fund – \$90,900; and The Salvation Army – \$109,000. Ordering paragraph A of the September 15, 2009 order should be amended increasing the amount of funds awarded from the LIEEF for low-income energy assistance from \$55 million to \$56 million as follows:

- Department of Human Services - \$35,636,400 in total to provide direct assistance with energy bills for low-income households statewide divided as follows: \$26,186,400 to supplement the energy crisis portion of the State Emergency Relief program and \$9,450,000 for the arrearage payment program for clients participating in the Winter Protection Plan or similar plan that offers shutoff protection during the heating season.
- Downriver Community Conference - \$916,400 to provide direct assistance with energy bills for low-income households in Wayne and Monroe counties.
- Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. - \$152,700 to provide direct assistance with heating bills and shut-off protection for low-income tribal families within Allegan, Calhoun, Chippewa, Emmet, Gogebic, Isabella, and Menominee counties.
- Lighthouse Emergency Services - \$305,500 to provide direct assistance with energy bills and shut-off protection for low-income households in Oakland County.
- Michigan Community Action Agency Association - \$4,225,500 to provide direct energy assistance for low-income households statewide.
- Newaygo County Community Services - \$3,054,500 to provide energy assistance and shut-off protection to low-income households in Benzie, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola and Wexford counties.
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul - \$509,100 to provide energy assistance to low-income residential customers in Lapeer, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties.
- The Heat and Warmth Fund - \$5,090,900 to provide energy assistance to low-income residential customers throughout the state.
- The Salvation Army - \$6,109,000 to provide energy assistance to low-income households statewide.

The Commission directs the Commission Staff to obtain amendments to the grant agreement documents with the grantees. The Commission expects that, following approval by the appropriate agencies, the grantees will make these additional funds available to low-income customers as soon as possible. As always, the additional funding is contingent upon review and approval of the State Administrative Board.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Ordering paragraph A of the September 15, 2009 order is amended increasing the amount of funds awarded from the Low-Income and Energy Efficiency Fund for low-income energy assistance from \$55 million to \$56 million as follows:

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B. The Commission Staff shall obtain necessary amendments to the grant agreement documents with the grantees.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Chairman

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Monica Martinez, Commissioner

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Greg R. White, Commissioner

By its action of March 18, 2010.

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Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

Case No. U-13129 involves amendment of the Commission's September 15, 2009 order in this docket awarding \$55 million in energy assistance grants from the Low-Income and Energy Efficiency Fund to nine organizations. The order before you increases the amount of funds awarded from the Fund for low-income energy assistance by \$1 million.