



Monroe County Weatherization Program

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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Attention: Secretary
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RE: Act 129 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program Phase Two
Docket No. M-2012-2289411

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

This letter is in response to the Secretarial letter referenced above seeking comments on a number of important topics concerning the designing and implementing of any future Act 129 required Energy Efficiency & Conservation (EE&C) programs. This letter specifically addresses Topic #6 – Inclusion of a Low-Income Sector Carve-Out.

The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe coordinates a non-profit weatherization program that covers all of Monroe County. We have been weatherizing low-income households for more than 30 years.

First, we are in support of the continuation of the requirement that each EE&C plan include specific EE measures for low-income households. Our county has a high percentage of elderly and/or disabled households who are eligible for this program. Many of our homes were built originally as vacation homes with electric heat which would benefit greatly from any Energy Efficiency measures.

Secondly, assuming that the low-income carve out will continue, we would also strongly support the expansion of the program to include households at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG). Our agency's weatherization program has an income guideline of 200% of the FPIG and we are aware of many households in our county that fall just above that income threshold.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter. The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission enter these Comments to the Secretarial Letter into the record. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Charles Tepper, Coordinator
Monroe County Weatherization Program



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