



October 16, 2017

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
PO Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Docket No.: M-2017-2596907

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

The following reply comments are being submitted on behalf of the Commission on Economic Opportunity Weatherization Office relative to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Comprehensive Review of Universal Service Programs and Energy Conservation Programs.

The Commission on Economic Opportunity Weatherization Office completes LIURP services in Luzerne County for PPL Electric Utilities, UGI Utilities and UGI Gas Utilities. CEO has administered Universal Service program for these companies since their inception. It is the position of this Weatherization Office that utility companies continue to use Community Based Organizations, to both deliver and administer LIURP services. For the period January 1, 2017 to the present, we have completed approximately 500 LIURP jobs.

We are one of many Community Based Organizations that not only provide LIURP services but also the DCED Weatherization Assistance Program. The ability to coordinate both of these programs provides our clients with the ability to achieve greater energy savings. It is our recommendation to increase the income guideline to 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline for the LIURP program as to be consistent with the Department of Community and Economic Developments Weatherization Assistance Program.

Many times services offered through the Low Income Usage Reduction Program allow vulnerable members of our community to remain in their homes by improving the health and safety of their residence.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

Theresa Slater  
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Commission on Economic Opportunity