

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 14, 2006 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. J. Peter Lark, Chairman
Hon. Laura Chappelle, Commissioner
Hon. Monica Martinez, Commissioner

ORDER

On October 18, 2005, the Commission approved a number of grants from the Low-Income and Energy Efficiency Fund (LIEEF). The order provided that one of the grantees, the Department of Human Services, was to receive \$26,525,000, which was subdivided into a grant of \$20,525,000 to be used for State Emergency Relief and a grant of \$6,000,000 to be used for the restoration of energy services already disconnected.

On March 13, 2006, the Commission received a request on behalf of the Department of Human Services for authority to transfer some of the LIEEF funds earmarked for restorations into a new program category devoted to the reduction of arrearages. It was explained that the restoration program did not require as much funding as was originally anticipated, but that there is a need to assist low-income winter protection participants who are experiencing high balances to reduce their arrearages.

The Commission finds that the request to amend the October 18, 2005 order is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be granted. Ordering paragraph A of the October 18, 2005 order should be amended to provide that the grant to the Department of Human Services shall be “\$26,525,000 in total. \$20,525,000 for the State Emergency Relief program and to prevent threatened shutoff of energy services and \$6,000,000 to restore energy services already disconnected **or to assist low-income winter protection participants who are experiencing high balances to reduce their arrearages.**” The Commission directs the Commission Staff (Staff) to obtain amendments to the grant agreement documents with the Department of Human Services that reflect this amendment to the October 18, 2005 order.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 *et seq.*; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 *et seq.*; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 *et seq.*; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*; 1982 PA 304, as amended, MCL 460.6h *et seq.*; and the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 *et seq.*
- b. The October 18, 2005 order should be amended to provide that the grant to the Department of Human Services shall be “\$26,525,000 in total. \$20,525,000 for the State Emergency Relief program and to prevent threatened shutoff of energy services and \$6,000,000 to restore energy services already disconnected or to assist low-income winter protection participants who are experiencing high balances to reduce their arrearages.”
- c. The Staff should be directed to obtain amendments to the grant agreement documents with the Department of Human Services that reflect this amendment to the October 18, 2005 order.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Ordering paragraph A of the October 18, 2005 order is amended to provide that the grant to the Department of Human Services shall be “\$26,525,000 in total. \$20,525,000 for the State Emergency Relief program and to prevent threatened shutoff of energy services and \$6,000,000 to restore energy services already disconnected or to assist low-income winter protection participants who are experiencing high balances to reduce their arrearages.”

B. The Commission Staff shall obtain amendments to the grant agreement documents with the Department of Human Services that reflect this amendment to the October 18, 2005 order.

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

/s/ J. Peter Lark

Chairman

(S E A L)

/s/ Laura Chappelle

Commissioner

/s/ Monica Martinez

Commissioner

By its action of March 14, 2006.

/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle

Its Executive Secretary

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Ordering paragraph A of the October 18, 2005 order is amended to provide that the grant to the Department of Human Services shall be “\$26,525,000 in total. \$20,525,000 for the State Emergency Relief program and to prevent threatened shutoff of energy services and \$6,000,000 to restore energy services already disconnected or to assist low-income winter protection participants who are experiencing high balances to reduce their arrearages.”

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