

**Low-Income Energy Advisory Council
Work Plan
1/1/08-12/31/08**

Utility Subcommittee

Support and evaluate the existing utility arrearage forgiveness payment program.

- Monitor DPUC docket proceedings
- Develop and present recommendations to the Board for interaction in the DPUC docket
- Coordinate with the utility companies and DPUC to evaluate the “below bill payment” program.
- Research and report on other state’s experience in administering a Low-Income Discount Rate Program.
- Develop a cost analysis documenting the amount to be subsidized by other rate payers.

Timeframe: January 2008 – September 2008

LIHEAP Communication Subcommittee

Develop a communication system to address LIHEAP issues in a timely and effective manner.

Develop a mechanism for LIEAB to take action on LIHEAP issues.

Timeframe: January 2008 –March 2008

Weatherization Subcommittee

Develop a pilot program in collaboration with the ECMB regarding the provision of conservation and weatherization services to low-income households.

- Identify target populations
- Identify services to be provided
- Identify costs to provide services
- Develop implementation plan

Timeframe: January 2008 –September 2008

Energy Assistance Recommendations Subcommittee

Provide recommendations on administrative changes to the CEAP.

Research and develop recommendations on alternative approaches to the delivery of services.

Conduct research on an early application intake process.

- Identify annual costs for an early application intake process

Conduct research on an all-year intake process.

- Identify issues
- Develop a cost benefit analyses.
- Disseminate recommendations to the Board

Conduct research on an all-weather program

- Identify issues related to implementation
- Identify target populations
- Identify benefit levels
- Identify funding needs
- Develop recommendations

Timeframe: January 2008 –May 2008