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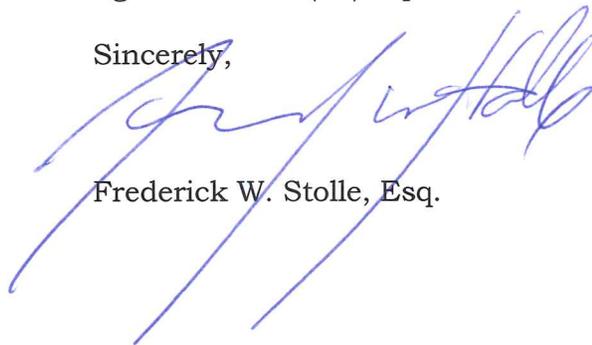
Luly E. Massaro
Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

RE: Henry Shelton Act: LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Rates – PUC Docket 4290

Dear Ms. Massaro:

The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources hereby files its responses to the Commission's Second Set of Data Requests Directed to the Office of Energy Resources (Issued October 17, 2013). The original and ten (10) copies are enclosed.

Sincerely,



Frederick W. Stolle, Esq.

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Enclosure

c. Distribution to attached service list

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES :
PROPOSED LIHEAP ENHANCEMENT CHARGE : DOCKET NO. 4290
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

COMMISSION'S SECOND SET OF DATA REQUESTS
DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES
(Issued October 17, 2013)

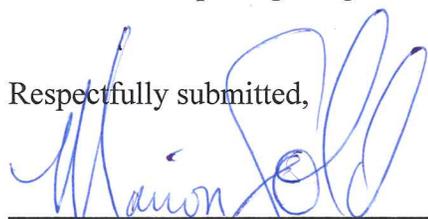
2-1 Please explain the role of the Office of Energy Resources and the role of the RI Department of Human Services in the administration of the LIHEAP funding.

Answer: Pursuant to a delegation of authority, dated September 20, 2013, the Office of Energy Resources has transferred all responsibility for the administration of the LIHEAP funding to the Department of Human Services, a copy of which is attached.

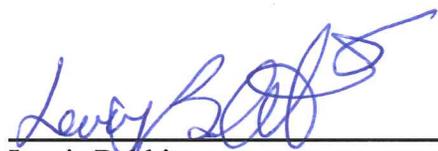
2-2 Please advise whether the Hancock System Inc. software solution for LIHEAP qualification/eligibility determinations is compatible with the integrated eligibility system (United Health Infrastructure Project, aka UHIP), which deals with eligibility and qualification for economic support programs under the RI Department of Human Services.

Answer: Currently, the Hancock System is a "stand-alone" data base. Its efficacy is still being evaluated; and, the initial three year license may or may not be renewed. UHIP is, therefore, not contemplating integration at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner
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MEMORANDUM

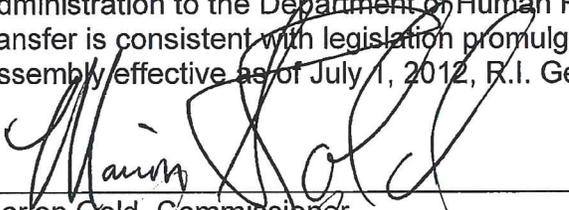
To: Sandra M. Powell, Director
Department of Human Services

From: Marion Gold, Commissioner
Office of Energy Resources

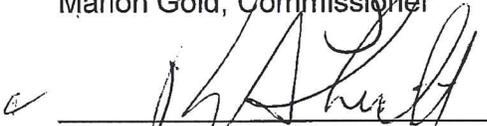
Subject: Request For Approval For the Transfer of delegated Authority from
the Office of Energy Resources, Department of Administration, to
the Department of Human Services – LIHEAP/WAP

Date: September 20, 2013

In response to your Memoranda, dated September 19, 2013, directed to Richard Licht, Director, Department of Administration (a copy of which is attached hereto), all authority inuring to the Office of Energy Resources by and through the delegation of authority from Governor Lincoln Chafee, dated December 2011 (a copy of which is attached hereto) pertaining to the Low Income Heating Assistance Programs is hereby formally transferred from the Department of Administration to the Department of Human Resources for all purposes. Such transfer is consistent with legislation promulgated by the Rhode Island General Assembly effective as of July 1, 2012, R.I. Gen. Laws 42-12-1.5.



Marion Gold, Commissioner



Richard A. Licht, Director



Sandra M. Powell



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Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

December 20, 2011

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Director
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HHS, Administration For Children and Families
Office of Community Services, Division of Energy Assistance (DEA)
Aerospace Building, 5th Floor West
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Dear Director St. Angelo:

In accordance with the Rhode Island Energy Resources Act (R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-140-1 *et seq.*) and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (42 U.S.C. Ch. 94, Section 8621 *et seq.*), I hereby designate the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) as the lead agency for administration of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in the State of Rhode Island. The executive director of said OER is authorized to make assurances of certification which may be required as part of the annual LIHEAP application process.

This delegation of authority shall remain in full force and effect until modified or rescinded by federal or state statute, or by the chief elected official of this state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. D. Chafee".

Lincoln Chafee
Governor

**Docket No. 4290 – Office of Energy Resources – LIHEAP Enhancement
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