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TO: Agency Directors, Fiscal Officers, and Weatherization Coordinators
FROM: Steve Divan, Weatherization Program Coordinator
RE: Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Grant and Energy Conservation Helping Oregonians (ECHO) Grant – Option to utilize either actual electricity rates or average Oregon electricity rates as identified by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) when determining individual measure and package cost effectiveness.

DATE: 5/27/2016

Greetings,

OHCS has negotiated with USDOE to allow the option of using either actual utility rates or the EIA average Oregon electricity rates when determining cost effectiveness. As part of this transition, the option to use EIA rates may also be utilized with ECHO funds.

Effective May 27, 2016, the average electricity rate is **11.06** cents per kWh, and this average rate may be used for all DOE and ECHO funded projects.

The use of EIA rates for BPA and LIHEAP funded projects was previously approved in WX Memo 2015-5.

OHCS will update and provide new average EIA rates annually each October 1.

The option to utilize EIA rates now applies to DOE, ECHO, BPA and LIHEAP funded projects.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (503) 986-0979.

Best Regards,

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