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**TO:** Agency Directors, Fiscal Officers and Weatherization Coordinators  
**FROM:** Chris Shoopman, Weatherization Program Coordinator  
**RE:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Weatherization Grant – Option to utilize either actual electricity rates or average Oregon rates as identified by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) when determining cost effectiveness.  
**DATE:** 10/20/2015

Greetings,

The 2015-2016 BPA Oregon Low-Income Weatherization State Grant has been finalized. As negotiated during this year's contract development, BPA is now allowing the option of using either actual utility rates or the EIA average Oregon electricity rates when determining cost effectiveness.

Effective October 1, 2015, the average electricity rate is **11.06** cents per kWh, and this average rate may be used for all BPA and LIHEAP funded projects.

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

The ability to utilize EIA rates applies only to BPA and LIHEAP funded projects. Actual rates must be utilized for DOE and ECHO funded projects.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (503) 986-0972.

Best Regards,

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