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TO: Agency Directors and Weatherization Coordinators
FROM: Steve Divan, Weatherization Program Coordinator
RE: ECHO Bulk Fuel switching
DATE: July 1, 2022

Greetings,

Effective immediately, installing high efficiency electric heat is required when ECHO funds are utilized on a project heated with a bulk fuel source as the primary heat source. A savings to investment ratio is not required. Bulk fuel sources include Oil, Wood, Pellets, and Propane. When installing a high efficiency electric heating system in an unmetered fuel heated home, a fuel switch request is not required.

- A. Every effort should be made to remove existing woodstoves and pellet stoves. If the client refuses, the wood/pellet stoves may be kept in place as backup heat.
- B. When adding a Ductless heat pump, if removing a woodstove or pellet stove, adding a backup is an allowable expense.
- C. Ductless Heat Pumps Heating seasonal performance factor (HSPF) must be rated with a minimum of 9.0 HSPF by AHRI
- D. Whenever possible, unmetered fuel source Forced air heating systems should be replaced with a conventional air source heat pump.
- E. Conventional heat pumps must be AHRI-rated with a minimum of 9.0 HSPF and 14 SEER.

Fuel switching of metered fuel and homes that are outside of the defined eligible dwelling unit definition is allowed on a case-by-case basis. A fuel switch request must be submitted and approved by OHCS.

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

Best regards,

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